

COMMENT OF THE DAY

Vital Week

WITHIN the next week, two countries—Germany and France—begin debating the ratification of the Paris treaties which in effect grant sovereignty to West Germany and allow her to rearm in association with her Western allies. In both countries there are fears that the treaties once ratified will be irrevocable. In Germany opposition is based on the belief that ratification will rule out forever the possibility of reunification with the Eastern zone. In France there are still fears of a rearmament Germany launching new aggressive campaigns in Europe but perhaps these are now outweighed by a far more valid fear—and one that is prevalent throughout the Western World today—that the treaties will be to write off all chances of a satisfactory solution to East-West problems in Europe. Even at this eleventh hour the voting trend in the West German Parliament and the National Assembly is uncertain. Dr Adenauer should be able to muster the majority required in the Bundestag or lower house despite the furious opposition of the Social Democrats. The necessary upper house majority, however, is less certain. In Paris the larger majority which elected M. Mendes-France to the Premiership earlier this year has been steadily shrinking and although he himself seems confident of the necessary votes to ensure ratification, observers on the Paris scene do not share his optimism; at the best it will be a slight majority in favour of ratification.

WHY has the situation changed so remarkably since the French and German leaders emerged from Sir Anthony Eden's London conference flushed with triumph and success at their agreement? To a large extent the long delay between agreement and actual ratification has counted against the two leaders. The French have been musing this somewhat tough preparation—made from a recipe compounded by nine nations—without digesting it. Always gourmet, the French, never gourmand. The generous libations of Russian propaganda have tended to befuddle the mind, dulling the senses somewhat—and whatever distinctive flavour the Paris treaties had, has long since been lost. Undoubtedly the Kremlin's warning that ratification would cancel all hope of further East-West negotiations on Germany and Austria and lead to rearmament of the satellites has had its effect. Further Russian overtures to the West before ratification are still possible but the Western reply should state categorically: no new negotiations until the treaties are approved. It has taken the West nine years to reach a stage of diplomatic supremacy over the Russians—and the possibilities this state of affairs offers should not be lightly cast aside. The safety of Western Europe depends up it.

Nutting's Statement

BRITAIN'S chief delegate to the United Nations, Mr Anthony Nutting made a careless, stupid statement on Sunday when he said if Formosa was attacked, Britain as a member of the United Nations would be involved. Obviously he was caught unprepared for the question asked by a TV interviewer and uncertain of the actual policy, made a blind stab at replying. It is deplorable that Mr Nutting is so ill-informed about the British attitude to Formosa. Does he realise the implications of his remark? If Britain helped "defend" Formosa against a Communist attack (and the American definition of "defend" includes a threat of retaliation) what would happen to Hongkong? Mr Nutting must remember he does not create British policy in New York; he is simply a Government spokesman. A statement he should follow British policy—not echo the speeches of Mr Cabot Lodge. As frequently stated the overall aims of British and American foreign policy are the same, but their approach is distinctly different.

STORM OVER NUTTING "BLUNDER"

Eden Calls For Full Text Of New York Statement CLARIFICATION OF POLICY DEMANDED BY LABOUR MPs

From Our Own Correspondent and Reuter.

London, Dec. 13.

A political storm has broken out in London over the "diplomatic blunder of the year" made by Britain's chief delegate at the United Nations, Mr Anthony Nutting, who said in New York yesterday that if Communist China attacked Formosa, Britain as a U.N. member would be involved.

There were these three developments:

- The Foreign Secretary, Sir Anthony Eden, has called for the full text of the statement made by Mr Nutting;
- A group of Labour MPs introduced a motion in the House of Commons protesting against the statement. Opposition leaders will demand a clear statement of British policy from Sir Anthony Eden;
- British newspapers launched sharp attacks against Mr Nutting;
- Communist China, through Radio Peking, advised Mr Nutting to "calm down a little." The broadcast went on: "He exerted himself energetically in the interests of the United States and consequently gained favour from the latter. Delirious with joy he has since come out with clamours for war against the Chinese people."

The Daily Express political correspondent, Derek Marks said "Sir Anthony Eden has been plunged into a diplomatic and political crisis by Mr Nutting who in a TV interview in New York on Sunday implied that Britain would go to war if necessary to keep Chiang Kai-shek on Formosa."

"This statement is rated by observers in London as the diplomatic blunder of the year. It appears Mr Nutting made this major declaration without sanction from either the Cabinet or the Foreign Office."

"Sir Anthony Eden is now placed in a position where he must either justify Mr Nutting or abandon him. The Foreign Office sent urgent signals to New York today and called for a full official transcript of the interview with Mr Nutting."

NO COMMENT

"Until it arrives, no official comment is being made in London."

"The statement caused a diplomatic sensation because it pointed a new development of British policy. At present Britain accords full recognition to the Chinese Communists but not to Chiang, nor does she recognise Formosa as a state."

"For months past Sir Anthony Eden has been trying to edge both Communist China and the United States towards a less belligerent attitude over Formosa."

"Now Mr Nutting's intervention gives the Chinese Communists a further opportunity to claim Britain is ganging up with the United States against them."

GOVERNMENT PERTURBED

Reuter said a Foreign Office spokesman would make no official comment on the statement by Mr Nutting.

But there was evidence that Government opinion had been perturbed in case the impression were created abroad that Britain had an automatic commitment to come to the defence of the Nationalist Government.

A group of Labour members of Parliament tonight put forward a motion criticising Mr Nutting for his reported statement.

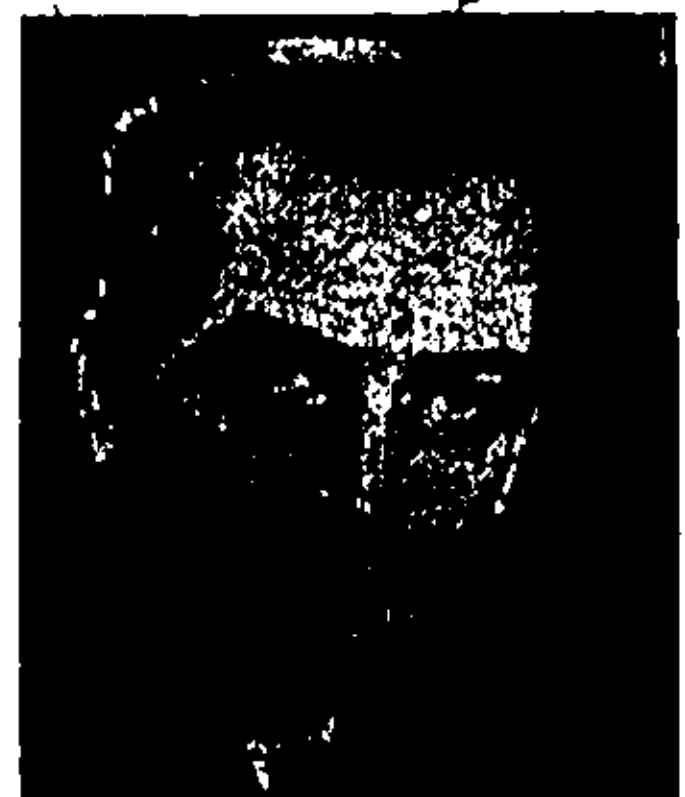
Wanderers Beat Hungary

Wolverhampton, Dec. 13. Wanderers, the English League football champions, beat Hungary, the Hungarian Army side, by three goals to two after being 3-0 down at half-time in a floodlit match here tonight.

Last month Wolverhampton beat the Russian Club Spartak 4-0 here.

(See Full Report on F.3)

The motion asks the House of Commons to "take note" of the statement and goes on: "Having regard to the special circumstances in Formosa the House affirms that British commitments are not of the kind which the Minister is reported to have stated; and that in any event it is undesirable that commitments in a matter of



MR ANTHONY NUTTING

this importance should be conveyed in such a fashion to the public of the United States."

Britain's obligations under the United Nations Charter are common to all U.N. members.

Military action under the Charter is taken only following a binding decision of the Security Council and Britain would have no obligation because of U.N. membership except that resulting from the normal operation of the Charter.

Reuter also reported that New China News Agency commentator attacked Mr Nutting for his statement.

The attack was published under the title: "Calm yourself Mr Nutting."

It said the whole world knew that Britain recognised the Chinese Communist Government "but its representative in the United Nations supports the traitorous Chiang Kai-shek and even clamours for war against the Chinese people. This is quite extraordinary in international relations."

"Recently when the U.N. discussed the question of United States armed invasion of China's territory of Taiwan (Formosa) and the punishment by the Chinese people of American spies, he exerted himself energetically in the interests of the United States and consequently gained favour from the latter."

ABSURD STATEMENT

"Delirious with joy he has since come out with clamours for war against the Chinese People's Republic," the commentator said.

Since Mr Nutting was the chief British delegate to the U.N. "it is difficult to regard his statement as not representing the views of the British Government."

"In making such an absurd statement does Nutting want people to understand that the British Government is a faithless government?"

U.S. JUDGE GIVES RULING ON ARTIFICIAL INSEMINATION

Chicago, Dec. 13.

Judge Gibson Gorman ruled today that human artificial insemination is illegal except when the donor and recipient are man and wife.

He also held that children conceived of sperm other than that of the mother's legal mate were illegitimate. Such insemination "with or without the consent of husband is contrary to public and good morals and constitutes adultery on the part of the mother," Judge Gorman said.

"A child so conceived is not a child born in wedlock and therefore illegitimate. As such it is the child of the mother and the father; has no right of interest in the said child."

The term "father," the judge said, referred to the mother's husband.

The ruling was made in a divorce action brought by Mrs

Mary Doornbos, 37, against Mr George Doornbos, 48. The ruling was made on Mrs Doornbos' petition that she be given sole custody of her son, David, 5, and that her husband be denied visits to the child.

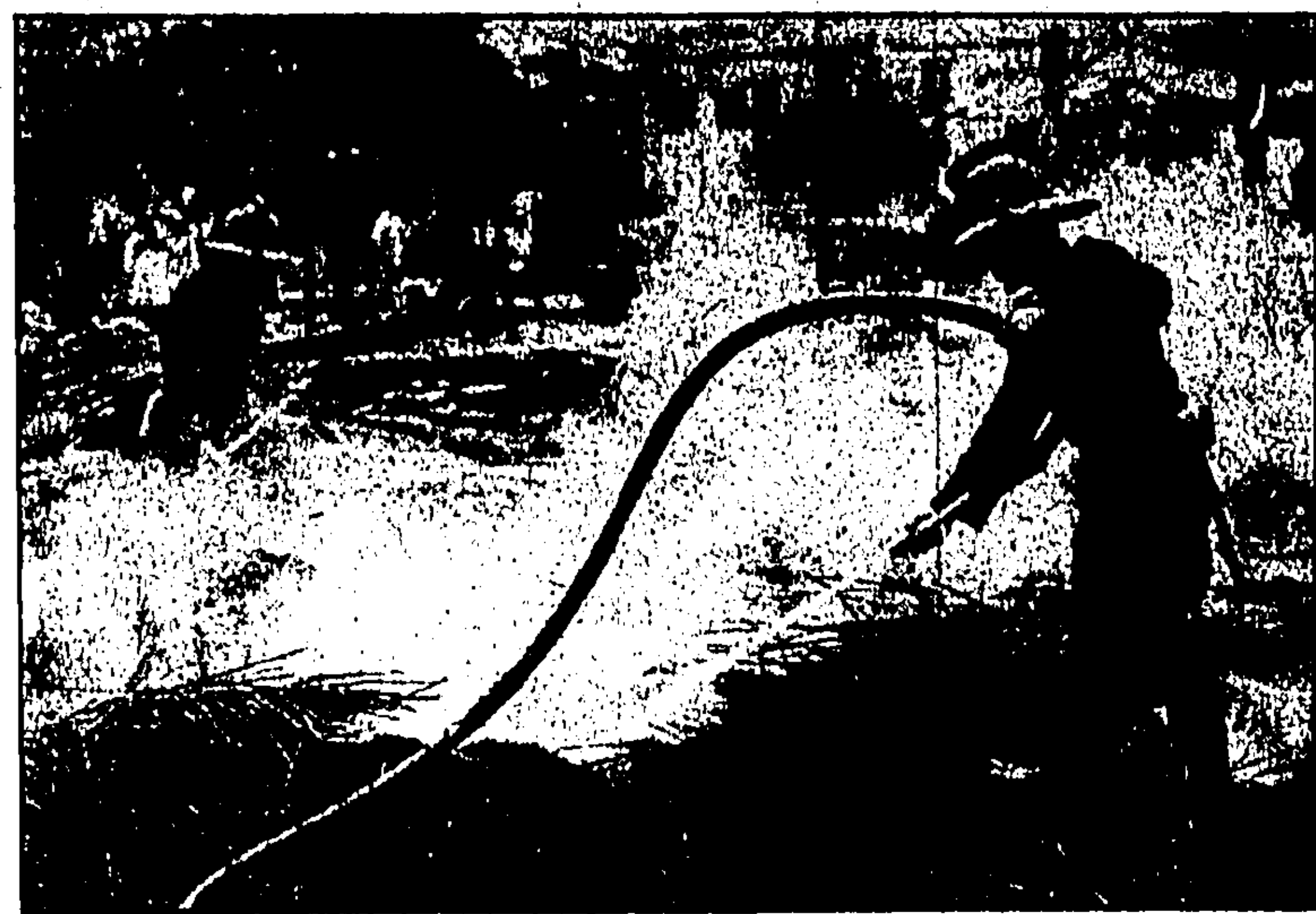
AT VARIANCE She based her plea on the ground that the child was conceived by artificial insemination from a donor other than her husband. The petition also asked that artificial insemination be declared moral and not adulterous.

Judge Gorman's ruling seemed at variance with another several weeks ago by Judge Elmer Holmgren that when a child was born within a marriage — by whatever method — there is legal presumption

that both marriage partners are his parents. With respect to homologous artificial insemination — that in which the father is donor of the seed — Judge Gorman ruled that the practice "is not contrary to public policy and good morals, and does not present any difficulty from the legal point of view."

BLOW TO PROGRESS Judge Gorman's decision brought a comment from Dr Sol de Leo, a gynaecologist on the staff of a Chicago hospital, who testified in the case that he had inseminated 2,500 women by artificial means, and that 50 pregnancies had resulted. Dr de Leo called the ruling "a blow to the progress of medicine."

The Firemen Complete Their Job



A member of the Fire Brigade aims his hose at the smouldering ruins of a quatter hut — one of the 30 damaged at Kowloon City this morning. Another fireman pulls debris to one side. (Staff Photographer).

China Seas 'Piracy' Britain Hits At Red China Interference

New York, Dec. 13. A British delegate told the United Nations today that while the Chinese Nationalist naval forces were responsible for a "great many" cases of interference with British ships in the China Seas the "most serious incident of all was the work of the forces of the Chinese People's Government."

The British delegate, Mr I. T. M. Fink, speaking in the Special Political Committee of the United Nations General Assembly recalled the incident in September 1953.

"On this occasion, a British naval launch was attacked, seven members of the crew were killed and four wounded," said Mr Fink.

Mr Fink said he could not deny that the Chinese authorities in Formosa were responsible for a "great many cases" of interference with British ships. But in 27 cases it was the forces of the Chinese People's Government who were responsible.

Earlier the Soviet Union asked the United Nations to condemn "decisively" alleged piratical attacks on foreign merchant vessels in the China Seas carried out by Chinese Nationalist naval units. The United States delegate charged that Russia was shipping to Communist China fuel for jet planes held in readiness for attacks on Formosa. Reuter and United Press.

BUSY MORNING FOR FIRE BRIGADE

Three Before Breakfast

Three fires which broke out in various parts of Kowloon this morning had a harassed Fire Brigade on the "go" from 3 a.m. till before breakfast.

Fire No. 1

The first fire broke out in a chicken farm at Pingshan, New Territories, and was under control at 4 a.m. About 3,000 chickens were killed.

On their way back the firemen intercepted an alarm and carried on to Wong Tai Sin, Kowloon City.

Fire No. 2

There a fire, which broke out at 5 a.m., razed 30 huts leaving about 300 homeless before it was put under control by 6.30 a.m.

The huts were mainly small ration factories and the ratten were which continued smouldering for some time caused the fire-fighters some trouble. But there were no injuries.

Tanker On Fire

Miami, Dec. 13. The 14,440-ton Norwegian tanker Fensal said in a distress call tonight that a fire aboard the vessel was out of control after an explosion in the engine room.

The Coast Guard asked all shipping in the area to go to the Fensal's assistance. She was reported to be about 270 miles northwest of San Juan, Puerto Rico. Reuter.

Dalai Lama Leaves Peking

Paris, Dec. 13. The Communist China News Agency announced today the Dalai and Panchen Lama left Peking today for a trip through China.

The two lamas were accompanied, the agency reported, by members of their families and about 100 religious and civilian Tibetan officials.

The Dalai Lama has been in Peking since September 3 when he arrived to take part in the Chinese People's Congress. Franco-Press.

Queen Mother Has Cold

London, Dec. 13. The Queen Mother is suffering from a cold, it was announced from her London home, Clarence House, tonight. Reuter.

Dag Hammarskjöld's Visit To Red China

Peking May Still Say 'Yes'

New York, Dec. 13. Despite the attack on the United Nations broadcast today by Peking Radio, informed opinion at the world organisation's headquarters still did not rule out the possibility of the Chinese Communists agreeing to the suggested visit of Mr Dag Hammarskjöld, the Secretary-General, to discuss the case of the 11 imprisoned American fliers.

Mr Hammarskjöld cabled Mr Chou En-lai, the Chinese Communist Prime Minister, in Peking on Friday suggesting a visit soon after December 20.

Today 48 hours after the dispatch of his cable, Mr Hammarskjöld was still awaiting a reply.

NO MENTION

U.N. diplomats said that the broadcast earlier today from Peking attacking the resolution passed by the General Assembly last Friday seeking the airmen's release should not necessarily be taken as meaning that Mr Chou En-lai would turn down Mr Hammarskjöld.

The broadcast made no mention of Mr Hammarskjöld or of his cabled offer to travel to Peking.

Should the reply to Mr Hammarskjöld be in the affirmative, it would mean that China had backed down from its stand against "interference."

But diplomats said that the "face" to be gained by the Communist regime by having the United Nations Secretary-General coming to see them would offset any difficulty they might have in climbing down on their arguments.

RECOGNITION

One delegate commented that Mr Hammarskjöld's visit might set in train all sorts of possibilities, not the least having to do with recognition of the Chinese Communist Government by the United Nations.

He said he wondered whether the whole business of the announcement of the imprisonment of the airmen had not been made by Peking with the object of beginning "negotiations" and thereby striking a bargain. Reuter.

NO U.K. MEDIATION

London, Dec. 13. Britain will not offer her good offices at this stage to the Chinese and American governments in an attempt to mediate the issue of the American prisoners of war detained by the Chinese Communists. It was stated officially today. F.P.

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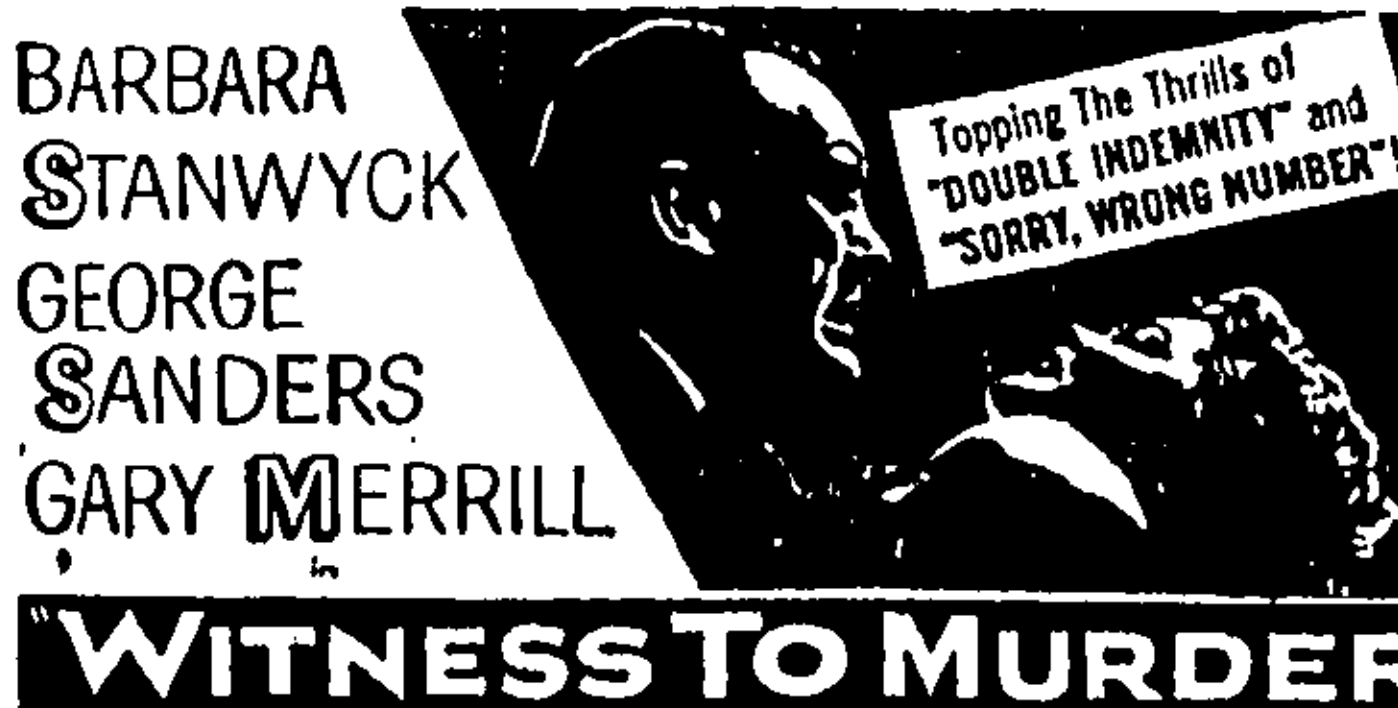


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HUNT FOR FELLAGHA

THE CIGAR THAT SUTHERLAND CUT OUT OF THE BIRTHDAY PICTURE



The hand of Churchill holding a cigar—this sketch by Graham Sutherland shows a detail of the presentation portrait that was omitted from the final version. Sutherland decided the cigar would look out of place in a formal portrait. The drawing is reproduced by courtesy of the artist. London Express Service.

CONTINUED AID FOR FAR EAST VERY NECESSARY

Washington, Dec. 13.

Two members of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, just back from a trip to the Far East, said today that the United States will need to continue "substantial" military and economic aid to Asia "for some time."

Democratic Representative, Mr. James P. Richards, who will be Chairman of the Committee in the 84th Congress, and Republi-

can Representative, Mr. John M. Vorys indicated in a joint statement that they will be sympathetic toward the new economic aid program for Asia which the Administration is now drafting.

ACTOR CASTIGATED BY JUDGE

Hollywood, Dec. 13.

The Academy Award-winning film star, Broderick Crawford, was called a "drunken bum" today by a judge who fined him \$250 on a drunk charge, his second such arrest in two years.

Crawford was castigated when he appeared before Municipal Judge Leo Freund in West Los Angeles after having been arrested yesterday with actress Abigail Adams and a New York actor, Myron McCormick.

The burly actor stood with head bowed as Judge Freund declared: "It seems a shame that a man who can win an Academy Award and who could make such a success of himself as a great actor should turn out to be such a drunken bum... When you are a great actor you belong to the people and when you get out of character and become a drunken bum, and that is exactly what you are, then it is a shame."

The actor paid the fine and departed. McCormick, who appeared a little later, was fined \$50. Abigail Adams' case was adjourned to tomorrow.

The police picked up the three early yesterday morning after their car hit a fence.—United Press.



Alpine Troops Scour Mountain Range

Algiers, Dec. 3.

French Alpine troops searched the Kabylie mountain chain in Algeria tonight for Fellagha outlaws after local inhabitants called on the French authorities for protection.

They systematically moved through several villages in the area, arrested 50 terrorist suspects and captured six shotguns, three pistols, 700 bomb detonators and 72 lbs. of potassium chlorate, which is used to make explosives.

The French troops also found a store of Army uniforms dyed black, similar to those worn by the Tunisian fellaghas of the "National Army of Liberation" before their submission to French forces last week.

In the course of the operation, French troops also discovered the body of an important fellagha chieftain, Ben Rabba Akil, who apparently had been killed in an earlier skirmish. Some 200 members of the fanatical "Army of God" are believed to be hiding out in the Kabylie region.

APPEAL

When the Algerian Resident-General, M. Roger Leonard, made an inspection tour of the area last week the loyal populations appealed to him to send troops into the mountains to protect them against the bandits.

On the eastern hinge of France's North Africa empire in Tunisia, French sources revealed today that the only hold-out fellagha chief, Tahar Lassoud, offered to surrender to Tunisian authorities last Friday but his amnesty was refused by the French because he is suspected of two brutal murders.

Over two thousand other fellaghas laid down their arms. The French Resident-General in Tunisia, General Pierre Boyer de la Tour, flew to Paris last night and met with the

Tunisian and Moroccan Affairs Minister, M. Christian Fouchet, today to report on the Fellagha amnesty.

It was believed that the end of guerrilla warfare in Tunisia coupled with the affirmative vote in the National Assembly on Premier M. Pierre Mendès-France's North African policies would pave the way for a swift conclusion of the three-month-old Franco-Tunisian home rule talks.—United Press.

PAKISTAN PRINCELY STATES TO MERGE

Karachi, Dec. 13.

The nine princely states situated in West Pakistan have offered to merge with West Pakistan, it was learned here today from a reliable source.

Bahawalpur, one of the major states, comprises more than 20,000 square miles with a population of about 2,000,000 people and revenues amounting to more than 40,000,000 rupees. Khairpur, another of the larger states, established in 1783, covers over 6,000 square miles in size and is the home of about 1,000,000 people.

BALUCHISTAN

The state of Baluchistan has an area of about 110,000 square miles and a population of about 6,000,000.

The rulers of Bahawalpur and Khairpur each had a separate interview of more than one hour today with the Pakistan Minister of State, Major-General Iskander Mirza.

These rulers will be taking part in a conference of governors and chief secretaries of West Pakistan provinces, which begins here tomorrow.

An official announcement is expected after the conference.—France-Press.

Two Years To Steal Kiss

Toronto, Dec. 13.

Magistrate W. W. McKeon dismissed an assault charge against Lloyd Osterling today because it took Osterling two years to get up enough courage to kiss his girl friend.

"Furthermore," said the magistrate, "I don't want to give you a criminal record for stealing a kiss."

An attractive 16-year-old girl told the Court Osterling had awakened her early on the morning of December 4 by kissing her. Then he walked out of the bedroom.

She said she would not have minded being kissed when she was going around with him two years ago, "but it's different now."—United Press.

RITZ SHOWING TO-DAY

AT 2.30, 6.45 & 9.30 P.M.



NEXT CHANGE: "CROSSED SWORDS"

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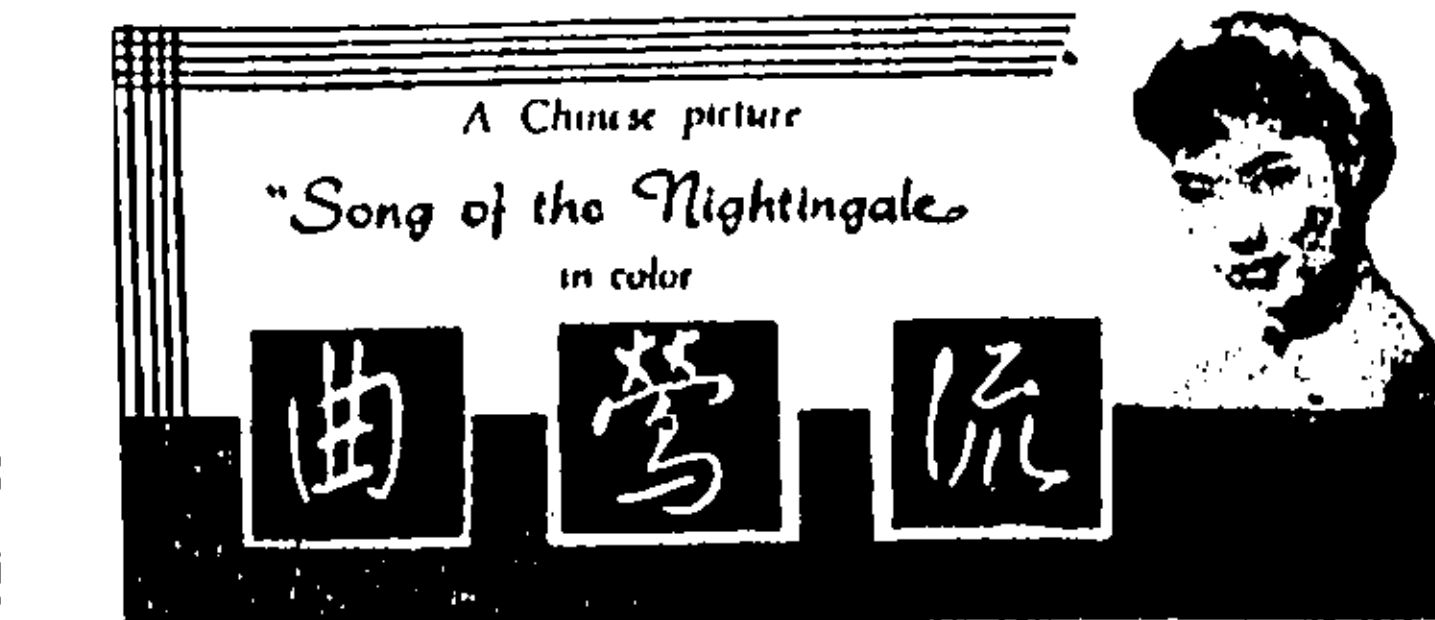
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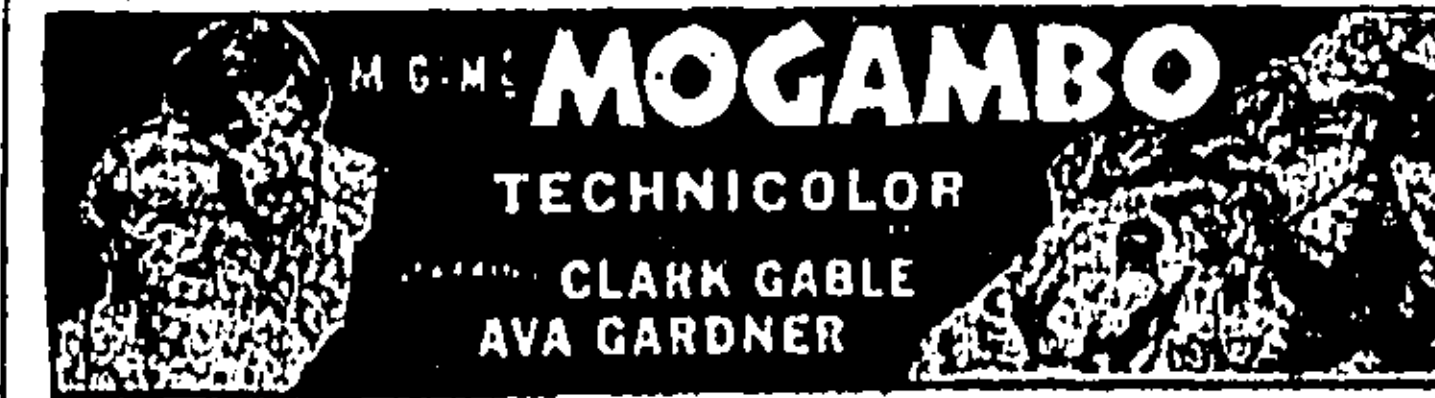
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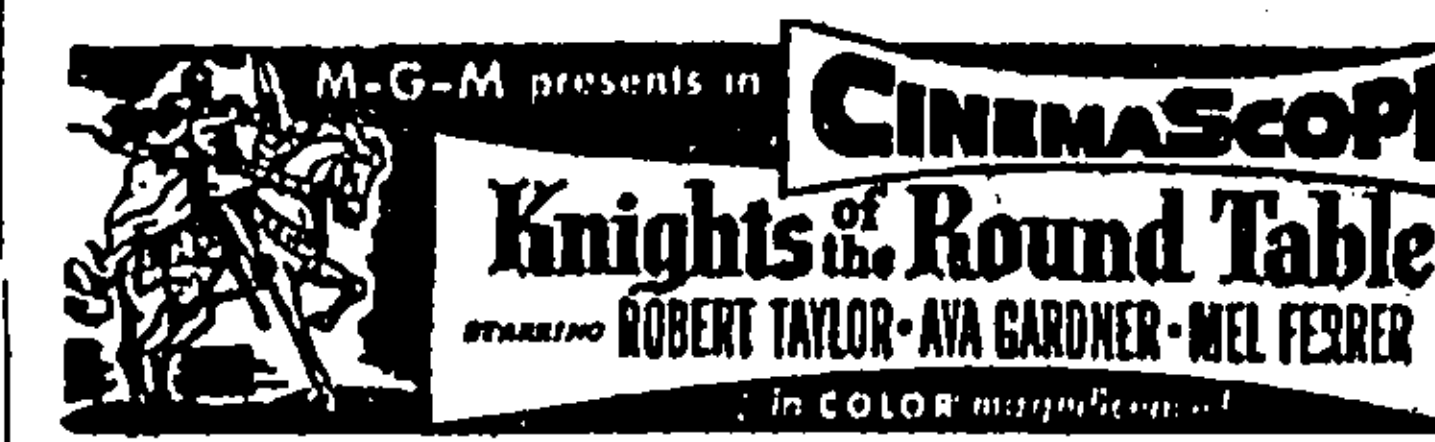


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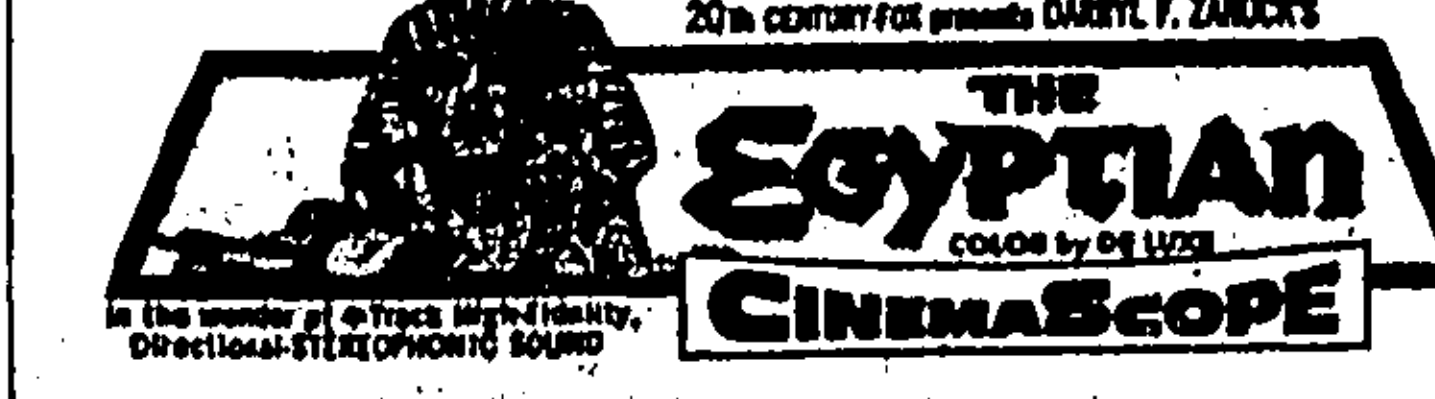
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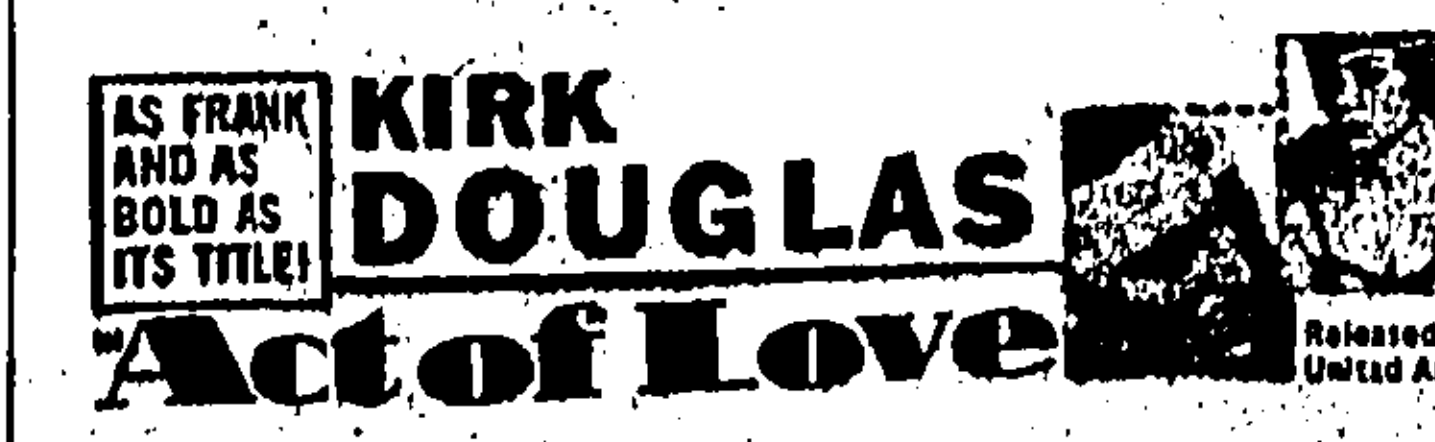
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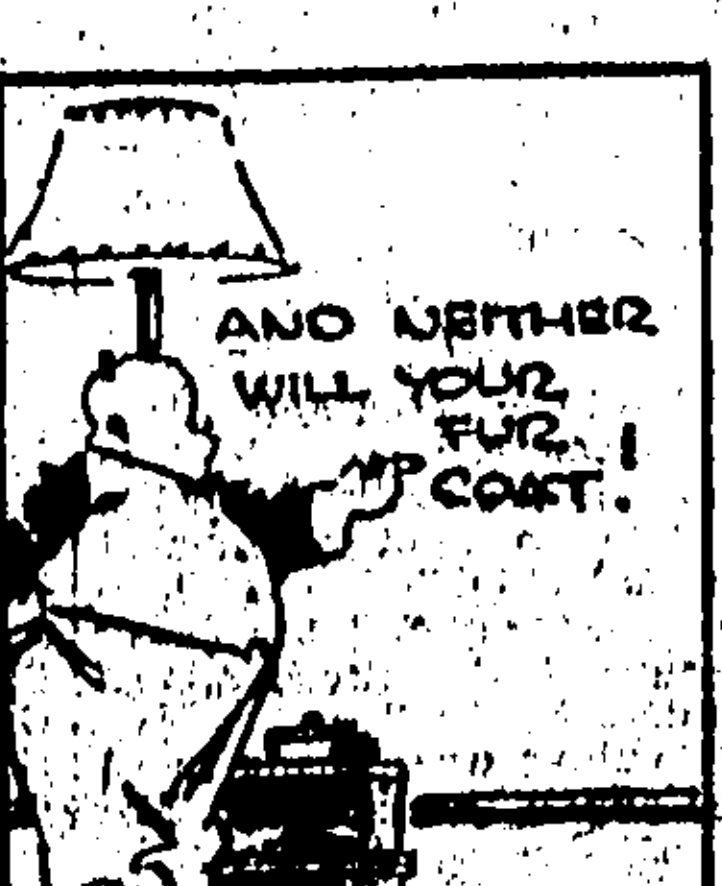
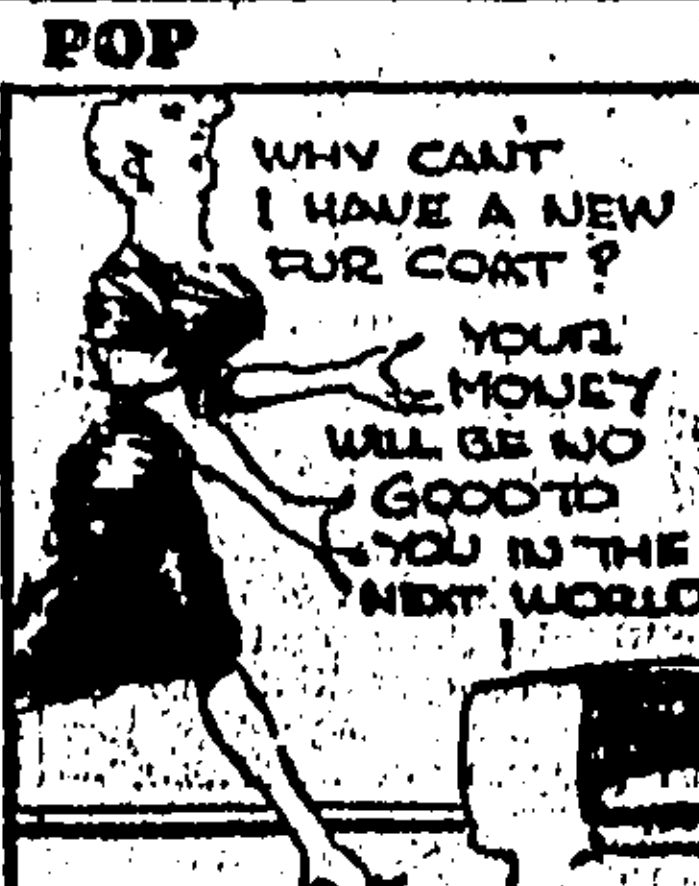


TO-DAY ONLY MAJESTIC

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To-morrow! "SPLIT SECOND"



MOROCCO QUESTION SHELVED

Asian-African Nations Withdraw Original Resolution

United Nations, Dec. 13.

Ten Asian-African nations withdrew their original resolution on Morocco in the United Nations Main Political Committee tonight and presented instead a proposal to postpone further consideration of the item "for the time being."

The proposal was submitted by Afghanistan, Burma, Egypt, India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, the Lebanon, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Pakistan and the Yemen in what was called a "conciliatory move" in view of the opinion expressed during debate that there would be direct Franco-Moroccan talks on the situation in the North African territory.

NEW RESOLUTION

The new resolution would declare simply: "The General Assembly, having examined the Moroccan question, noting that many delegations declared that negotiations between France and Morocco will be initiated regarding this question, decides to postpone for the time being further consideration of the item."

This eliminated the original "recommendation" of Franco-Tunisian negotiations. Earlier the United States told Arab delegates that it sees "a lot of hope" in the Moroccan situation because of French Premier M. Pierre Mendes-France's North African policies and said a new resolution on Morocco now would be inadvisable.

The United States Ambassador, Mr. Henry Cabot Lodge, Jr., spoke in direct reply to Arab delegates pressing the Morocco debate for the fourth consecutive year. He spoke after the Saudi Arabian Ambassador, Mr. Asad Al Fagih, raised the question of Algeria for the first time, declaring that the situation there has stirred Arab states to the same alarm that is felt over the situation in Tunisia and Morocco.

After Mr. Lodge urged that the example of French-Tunisian negotiations be taken as the process "most conducive to settle the Moroccan problem," Iraq's Dr. Fadil al Jamali rose to demand whether Mr. Lodge "or anyone else can give us any assurance that France is going to do something to take positive steps."

"GIVE US HOPE"

Mr. Jamali said, "We all wish France would take action and we have all given them time. Assurance that they would do something would be quite satisfactory to us. That's all we want. We are willing to wait but only provided that you give us hope...."

"For God's sake, let us have some consideration for the rights of these people. There is only one way and that is for France to take positive steps. France, unfortunately, has not shown that she intends to do that."

Mr. Lodge said that the United States "believes that the peaceful and progressive development of free and vital institutions capable of fulfilling the aspirations of the people of Morocco would benefit both France and Morocco."

"We must, at the same time, consider carefully what we in this Assembly can do to facilitate progress toward this goal and not inadvertently do things which would tend to defeat our own purpose."

"The United States maintains its previous view that this role is best attained through the sincere and co-operative efforts of the peoples of France and Morocco. It is they who must work together and work out their relationship in larger freedom."

"That is why the United States does not intend to give its support to a resolution at this time. Although the resolution before us contains language which we believe would hinder negotiations, there are clearly expressed sentiments which we would

approved. But as a practical matter the passage of the resolution would be inadvisable at this time. We are in the era of practical action rather than exhortations."

MAKING PROGRESS

He said direct negotiations in Tunisia were making progress and show French-Tunisian ability to work together for a common objective.

"The United States believes that the example of Tunisia will recommend itself both to France and Morocco as the process most conducive to a settlement of the Moroccan problem. It is the approach, we think, most likely to promote the orderly progress of peoples who have not yet achieved a full measure of self-government."

Dr. Jamali, in his intervention, quoted reports of the French National Assembly's debate on North Africa regarding French intent not to grant independence to Tunisia, Morocco or Algeria. This he called an "anti-Charter and anti-Human Rights Declaration — yet you (Mr. Lodge) tell us to be patient and wait."

Mr. Lodge said in reply, "There is not any question at all about our not having a great deal of consideration for the Moroccan people."

NO ASSURANCES

"We do not believe the present situation is one in which there is no hope. We believe there is a lot of hope. I don't think the newspaper clipping cited by the representative of Iraq fully reflects the true situation. I cannot give him assurances about another government."

"But we are very much impressed with the energy and courage and ingenuity of M. Mendes-France, with the way he has worked out some extraordinarily difficult problems and the progress made in Tunisia. That is why we believe we are in the era of practical action rather than exhortations. The situation is full of hope."—United Press.

Card Playing Becomes Expensive

Rome, Dec. 13.

Card games have become more expensive in Italy — even for the good players. To help cover pay increases to Italy's teeming ranks of civil servants, the Government recently increased taxes on playing cards.

It added between 300 and 1,000 lire (3s 6d and 11s 6d) to the price of a pack of cards, previously ranging from 600 to 1,000 lire (5s 10d and 17s 4d). Hardest hit have been Canasta fans (whose pack consists of two or three ordinary packs of cards), and poker players, who usually insist on a new, sealed pack at every session.—Reuters.

IN AUSTRIA

He was seized by Allied troops in the Austrian mountains at the end of the war.

It was stated in the High Court here that an article in Everybody's Weekly this year referred to Baillie Stewart as "one of the criminals of a different order" who had committed the "most despicable of all crimes: treason, against their country."

An affidavit by Baillie Stewart said the statements in the article were false. The references to himself meant that he was guilty of, and had been convicted of, treason. They had held him up to "public odium, ridicule and contempt."

Because of the article he had been "greatly injured in his credit, character and reputation and had suffered grave damage." Baillie Stewart stated he was "at all material times and was not at any time convicted of treason nor was he at any time guilty of treason."—China Mail Special.

LONDON MAGAZINE SUED

Baillie Stewart Files Papers

Dublin, Dec. 14.

Norman Baillie Stewart, who 21 years ago was arrested for giving secrets to Hitler's Germany and imprisoned in the Tower of London, is to sue a British magazine for libel.

He was granted an application in the High Court here last week for leave to serve a summons outside the Irish jurisdiction seeking damages against the owners and publishers of Everybody's Weekly.

Baillie Stewart, now 44, has established himself as a manufacturer's agent in the Republic of Ireland since serving a five years sentence imposed in 1940 for helping Germany during the war with broadcasting and propaganda.

He first made world headlines as "the Officer in the Tower" in 1933 when, as a young lieutenant in a Scottish regiment, a court-martial sentenced him to five years in gaol for communicating secrets to a foreign Power.

IN AUSTRIA He was seized by Allied troops in the Austrian mountains at the end of the war.

It was stated in the High Court here that an article in Everybody's Weekly this year referred to Baillie Stewart as "one of the criminals of a different order" who had committed the "most despicable of all crimes: treason, against their country."

An affidavit by Baillie Stewart said the statements in the article were false. The references to himself meant that he was guilty of, and had been convicted of, treason. They had held him up to "public odium, ridicule and contempt."

Because of the article he had been "greatly injured in his credit, character and reputation and had suffered grave damage." Baillie Stewart stated he was "at all material times and was not at any time convicted of treason nor was he at any time guilty of treason."—China Mail Special.

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Pretty Parisian model Mademoiselle Mouki Gourmeloni has just been elected Queen of Paris for 1955. She is seen here in the arms of a popular crooner Marcel Merkens who presided over the Jury.—France-Press Photo.

No. 1 Strongman Wants To Enter Eating Contest

Montreal, Dec. 13.

Doug Hepburn, the world's No. 1 strongman, made it two against one for the British Commonwealth today in challenges to America's Herman Hickman for an eating contest.

He heard of British sports writer Mr. Harold Mayers' eagerness to match forks with Mr. Hickman, the ex-football coach who claims the world's eating title, and promptly offered to take on the winner—or make it a three-way affair.

IMPRESSIVE

Mr. Hepburn has impressive qualifications. He is the world champion weightlifter and he attributes his prowess with the bar-bells as much to deliberate, life-long over-eating as to exercise.

He matches Mr. Hickman's 300 lbs. in a frame that houses an enormous capacity for vitamins. He would rather not discuss his stomach measurement, but it obviously exceeds his expanded chest size of nearly five feet.

Mr. Hepburn does not know how much the English or American champion can eat, but he asked them to consider the breakfast he had one morning last week when he was modestly hungry:

A pre-breakfast appetizer of a dozen eggs and two bananas ground up in a quart of milk. Five bowls of soup.

Two large steaks with French fried potatoes, and salad. At least, six slices of toast smothered in butter.

A second quart of milk to wash down the toast and steaks. A dish of pudding. A whole apple pie. Four cups of coffee.

EATS LIKE HORSE

"I guess I could double or triple this if I really tried," Mr. Hepburn said.

"He eats like a horse," commented his manager, Mr. Ben Weider. "For that matter he would eat a horse just to keep in shape for lifting. Hepburn will eat against anybody any place, provided the table is big enough."—United Press.

ALLEGED ONASSIS TRANSPORT MONOPOLY

Cairo, Dec. 13.

The Arabian American Oil Company and King Saud of Saudi Arabia have agreed to refer their dispute over the alleged "Onassis oil transport monopoly" contract to arbitration if it is not settled by January 1955, according to reports from Mecca reaching here today.

The announcement is reported to have been made by the Saudi Arabian Finance Minister, Sheikh Mohamed Surour el Sabban.

Mr. Socrates Aristotle Onassis, Greek-born shipping magnate, has a 30-year contract with the Government of the oil-rich desert kingdom for the transport of oil in a fleet of tankers under the Saudi Arabian flag.

The Arabian American Oil Company (Aramco) has objected that the contract is its own concession. The tanker trade fears the contract would mean an ultimate monopoly for the Onassis vessels.

Today's reports from Mecca quoted the Saudi Arabian Finance Minister as saying the arbitration would be friendly and in-line with the good relations existing between the Government and Aramco.—Reuters.

Another Socialite Group To Act For Charity

London, Dec. 14.

Princess Margaret's titled friends, who gave London an unintentionally uproarious production of a melodrama, The Frog, last summer, are now faced with competition from a rival group of young socialites eager to act for the sake of charity.

Actor John Loder, an ex-husband of Hedy Lamarr, has the job of producing the play—a comedy written by one of the bright young Mayfair set. "The play is The Light's Were Amber, and it is about debutantes," Mr. Loder explained morosely here. "The author, John MacArthur Hardy, came to me and asked me to produce it, with his friends in the cast."

It's for the benefit of two very worthy charities... so, Mr. Loder said, shrugging his shoulders.

DEB'S DELIGHT

Playwright Hardy is tall, fair-haired, 27, wealthy and Australian. He has "done a season" in Paris, New York, Florence, Rome, Stockholm and Sydney and has been dubbed "Deb's Delight" and voted "escort of the year" wherever he happened to be.

"We hope to raise £10,000 with our play," he said. Why £10,000? "Because that's how much the 'Frogs' made," Mr. Hardy replied.

The 'Frogs' is the nickname by which the titled members of the cast of The Frog are now known.

Somewhat a rumour got started that Princess Alexandra, or even Princess Margaret, who was associate producer of The Frog, would be involved in The Light's Were Amber.

But a discreet message from Buckingham Palace said Princess Margaret was "not interested" in taking part in any more theatrical productions. As for Princess Alexandra, "wishful thinking," Mr. Loder scoffed.

He will not act in the play himself. "Not on your life!" he said.

"There's going to be more twitting than acting," he added. "I can't understand a word these debutantes say. They sound like they're talking with marbles in their mouth."

"If they can't learn to speak loud and clear, they'll have to sell programmes. I don't care who they are... or we'll just put microphones on the stage. I figure if we play this thing straight, it's bound to get laughs."

NO HATRED

Did actor-producer Loder know he would have to choose his cast from Debutantes, the register of British nobility? "Yeah," he said. "I'm a decent more American than ex-Etonian, which he is."

"Don't misunderstand," Mr. Loder said. "There's no hatred between the 'Frogs' and us. Just friendly rivalry — like Bob Hope and Bing Crosby."—China Mail Special.

No Reprieve For Grandmother

London, Dec. 13.

The British Home Secretary refused today to reprieve Mrs. Kyliou Christoff, 53-year-old Cypriot grandmother, due to be hanged here on Wednesday for murdering her daughter-in-law.

Mrs. Christoff killed the daughter-in-law, Hella, last summer at the West London flat they shared while her son, Stavros, was working late as a waiter at London West End's luxury Cafe de Paris.

She strangled Hella, a dark, attractive German woman, with a scarf, dragged her into the garden and tried to destroy her body by soaking it in petrol and setting it on fire.

The last woman to be hanged in Britain was Mrs. Louisa Merrifield, executed in Manchester in September last year for poisoning a widow for whom she worked as housekeeper at Blackpool.

No woman has been hanged for murder in London since 1923 when Mrs. Edith Thompson paid the penalty for killing Percy Thompson, her husband.—China Mail Special.

Vietminh And France To Exchange Professors

Paris, Dec. 13.

The Communist New China News Agency announced today, citing the information agency of Vietnam, that France and Vietnam had concluded an agreement on the exchange of professors.

The agency said that the agreement had been reached at Hanoi between the French and Vietnamese (Vietminh) delegations.

The agency said that agreement was also reached concerning

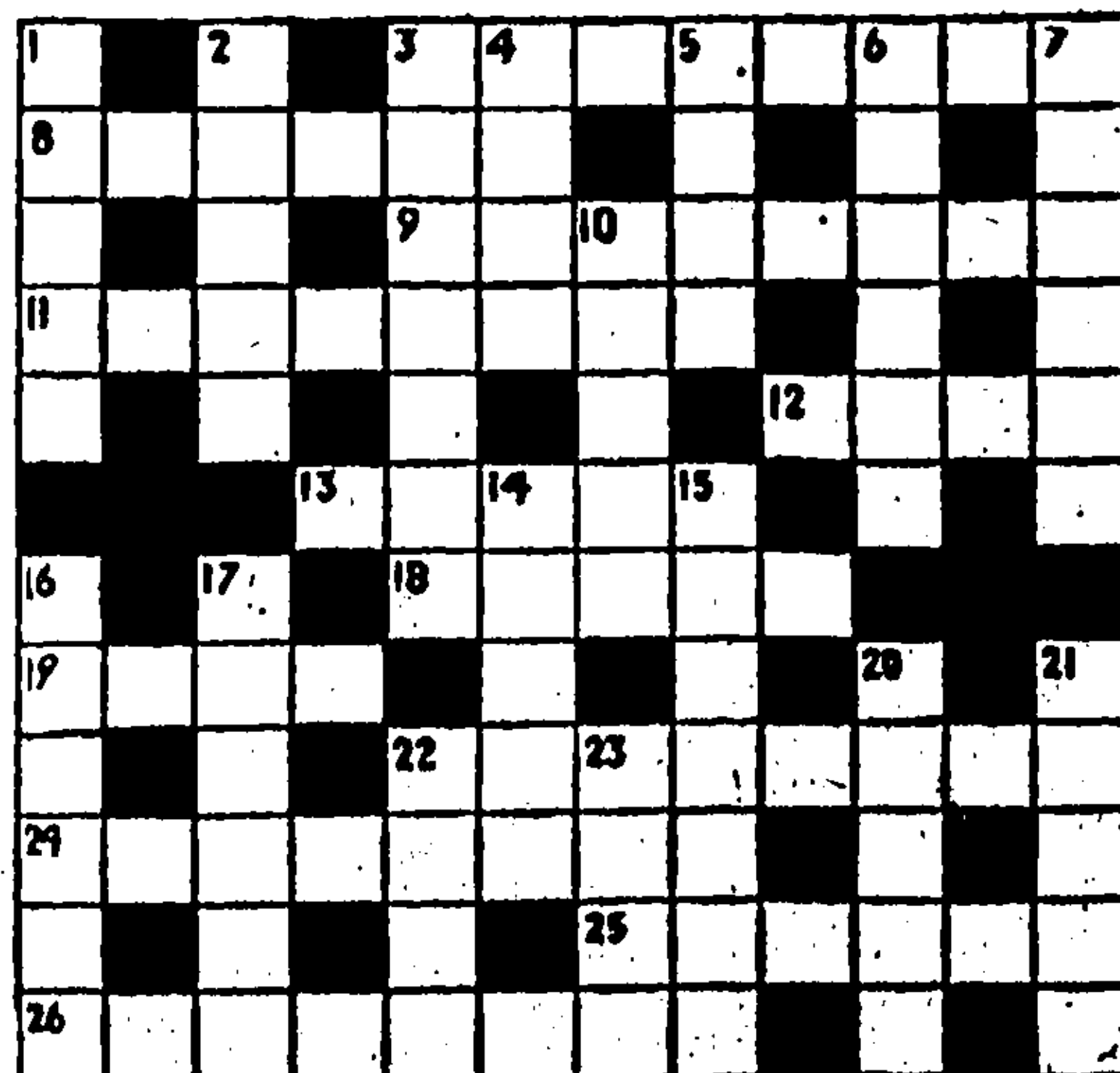
1. The sending of mail and money orders from Vietnam to Vietnamese students in France and from France to Vietnam.

2. Authorisation of France to organise an exhibition of French medicine in Hanoi.

3. Authorisation of the French cancer institute in Hanoi to continue its work under the supervision of the Vietnamese Minister of Public Health with a financial guarantee from the Vietnamese Government.

The agency added that discussions between the two delegations were continuing.—France-Press.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 3 Boon (8).
- 8 Follower of Eastern religion (8).
- 9 Drove back (8).
- 11 Likened (8).
- 12 Border (4).
- 13 Charge with debt (8).
- 18 Drawing-room (5).
- 19 Wind instrument (4).
- 22 Travel document (8).
- 24 Bangle (8).
- 25 Come back (6).
- 26 Retained from (8).

DOWN

- 1 Spot (5).
- 2 Sent (6).
- 3 Scolds (7).
- 4 Unpleasant smile (4).
- 5 Hastened (4).
- 6 Deceive (6).
- 7 Devise (6).
- 8 Danger (5).
- 14 Commonplace (6).
- 15 Browned (7).
- 16 Veto (6).
- 17 Beg (8).
- 20 False (5).
- 21 Weight (5).
- 22 Witless (4).
- 23 Withered (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD.—Across: 3 Lectures, 7 Carve, 8 Arrested, 10 Lumber, 13 Essence, 15 Gnat, 17 Isolate, 18 Precipitate, 20 Ayah, 21 Earning, 26 Tilted, 27 Animated, 28 Emmet, 29 Engender, Down: 1 Scale, 2 Dross, 3 Learn, 4 Tree, 5 Reveal, 6 Sedate, 9 Recipe, 11 Mummy, 12 Trench, 14 Estimate, 16 Gilt, 18 Alone, 19 Palace, 19 Easing, 22 Rider, 23 Iconic, 24 Wrath, 25 Dawn.

Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer

By Robert L. May



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MALAN'S SUCCESSOR IN AFRICA'S FUTURE

By Les Armour

HE has been called "The Lion of the North" and the "Iron Man of the Union"—also tin pot dictator and a cheapjack opportunist.

Some have predicted that he will become Africa's own Adolph Hitler; others that he will stand in South African history as Lincoln stands in American history.

But neither the praise nor the abuse registers on Johannes Gerhardus Strydom. If you asked him, he would describe himself as a "servant of God" and go about his unsmiling business.

Tall, square and powerful, he has been bronzed by the brittle sunlight of the outback Transvaal veldt, and he is inevitably tailored by master craftsmen in Piccadilly Circus or Times Square he would stand out as a thoroughbred racehorse would in a field of cart horses.

He is scrupulously honest to the point of being, at times, a political liability; single-minded to the point of seeming myopia; deeply religious to the point of fanaticism.

EXPLANATION

HE speaks perfect English in private—and no English at all in public. At home he is a connoisseur of good literature and good music. On the platform his interests are neither wider nor narrower than those of a Transvaal farmer. He is a keen student of international affairs. Yet he just recently made his first trip outside Africa—and that was necessitated because, at 61, the Iron Man was growing rusty and doctors feared he might be developing a serious heart condition. All this has a fairly simple explanation.

He was born and grew up on the veldt, where only Afrikaans is spoken, where religion means Dutch Calvinism, and where men still dream of a great Afrikaans republic.

He went to Victoria University College, graduated in 1912, and qualified both as a barrister and a solicitor.

Whatever the ups and downs of political fortune in strife-torn South Africa, the unquestioned strong man of the Union is tough, unsmiling Johannes Strydom. Here is the story of a man from the back veldts whose choice as Premier opens a new and possibly stormy era in Africa.



JOHANNES GERHARDUS STRYDOM

His education gave him the tastes of a cosmopolitan and the polish of a scholar and a lawyer. But his upbringing gave him the single-mindedness and fanaticism which has characterized his political life—and the chance to become the unquestioned leader of the Transvaal.

He still thinks of the British as the men who brought his people to their knees in the Boer War, and of South Africa as the natural heritage of the Afrikaans.

Englishmen, no less than Africans and Indians, are to him mere intruders, but having no certain favours but having no real rights in the country.

While other politicians have compromised, soft-pedalled their opinions, and sought a working

of the Dutch Reformed Church, and it is a doctrine which Strydom has never questioned. Nor has he ever doubted that, when the right time comes, South Africa must become a republic.

It is simply in the nature of things.

To hedge would constitute dishonesty so far as he is concerned—just as, in the face of world bitterness, it would have been dishonest, in his view, not to announce in 1939 that he would welcome the Germans back into Southwest Africa.

The Germans, he felt, were more of his race than the English, and they shared his views on Africans. So they were right and the world could think what it wanted.

He did not hesitate to tell the editors of English-language newspapers that they would "get their noses bloodied" if they insisted on questioning Malan's racial policies. Freedom of the press is not a virtue to him if it only serves to obscure "the truth."

When the courts objected to Dr Malan's legislation to remove coloured voters from the common roll, Strydom snapped: "The courts must be made subservient to parliament." Independence of the courts is just a mistake to him if it results in the frustration of "rights."

CONVICTIONS

IT is useless to argue the point and just as useless to point to democratic principles. Strydom can and does command the unwavering support of the Afrikaans—and to him they are the only people who count.

Democratic government for him is simply government for the Afrikaans and by the Afrikaans.

There are those who think he may soften now that he has taken command of the country, that the realities of steering a great nation will have their effect upon him.

But those who know him best doubt it. His convictions are too strong and his honesty is too deep-seated to allow him to think one thing and do another.

COLOURFUL ROME HAS A "LEFT BANK" TOO!

By JOHN WREN

ALTHOUGH not so well known as the famed Left Bank of Paris, Rome too boasts an "artists' quarter," as rich in colour and flamboyant personalities as anything that Paris can produce.

Attend a Saturday night party in the Via Margutta district (do not forget to bring your own bottle of Chianti) and you might well believe you were in the Montparnasse of the roaring twenties.

Currently this quarter of quiet courtyards, fountains, secret gardens, winding stone staircases—an old-world village lost in the heart of modern, bustling Rome—is in the news.

The Italian Government has taken firm action to prevent the area—an artists' quarter since the 16th century—from falling prey to 20th century influences.

It has decreed that Via Margutta—the quarter's main street—a stone's throw from Rome's smart Bond Street—is a "protected area." This means that no new building may be erected, or existing building

modernised, without the approval of a consultative committee.

Moreover, the Government has offered a one million lire (£600) prize for the best plan to restore Via Margutta to its old time glory.

One million lire is a starry fortune to the Via Margutta artists, eating their three hundred lire (vino included) meals in the quarter's bare-tabled trattorias.

Action Signal

Since the war the 20th century has begun to edge in on this cobbled street of ochre-coloured buildings with their fine old inner courtyards where live artists of every nationality in tumble-down studios in which a bare electric light bulb is often the only change made in four hundred years.

Recently, a film company moved in to dub Italian films into English, and a learn-to-dance-in-ten-easy-lessons studio opened up. Worst of all, a fine old building was torn down and

a noisy, hideously yellow garage built in its place.

The garage did the trick. The bearded, long-haired, colour-fully-dressed but down-at-heel artists—who rarely have bustle left alone a car—protested, and the Government took action.

Via Margutta has always been fighting for its existence against the relentless march of modernism.

In 1800 the artists rebelled when horse-drawn carriages were first allowed to use the street.

An indignant newspaper article in 1923 objected to new buildings which "spoiled the harmony of the beauty of this noble street." If anyone tried to touch that disputed building today, the Via Marguttans would cry murder.

To the outsider Via Margutta does not at first glance always appear to be romantic. Its old buildings are damp, dilapidated and chilly. Tuberculosis is prevalent among the usually underfed artists.

Last winter the Government sold the artists a load of good

low-priced overcoats. By the end of the month the artists had pawned them and were shivering again.

The street is lined by a number of flourishing workshops, openly producing fake "antique" furniture—Louis XV, Chippendale or what you want—and "old masters."

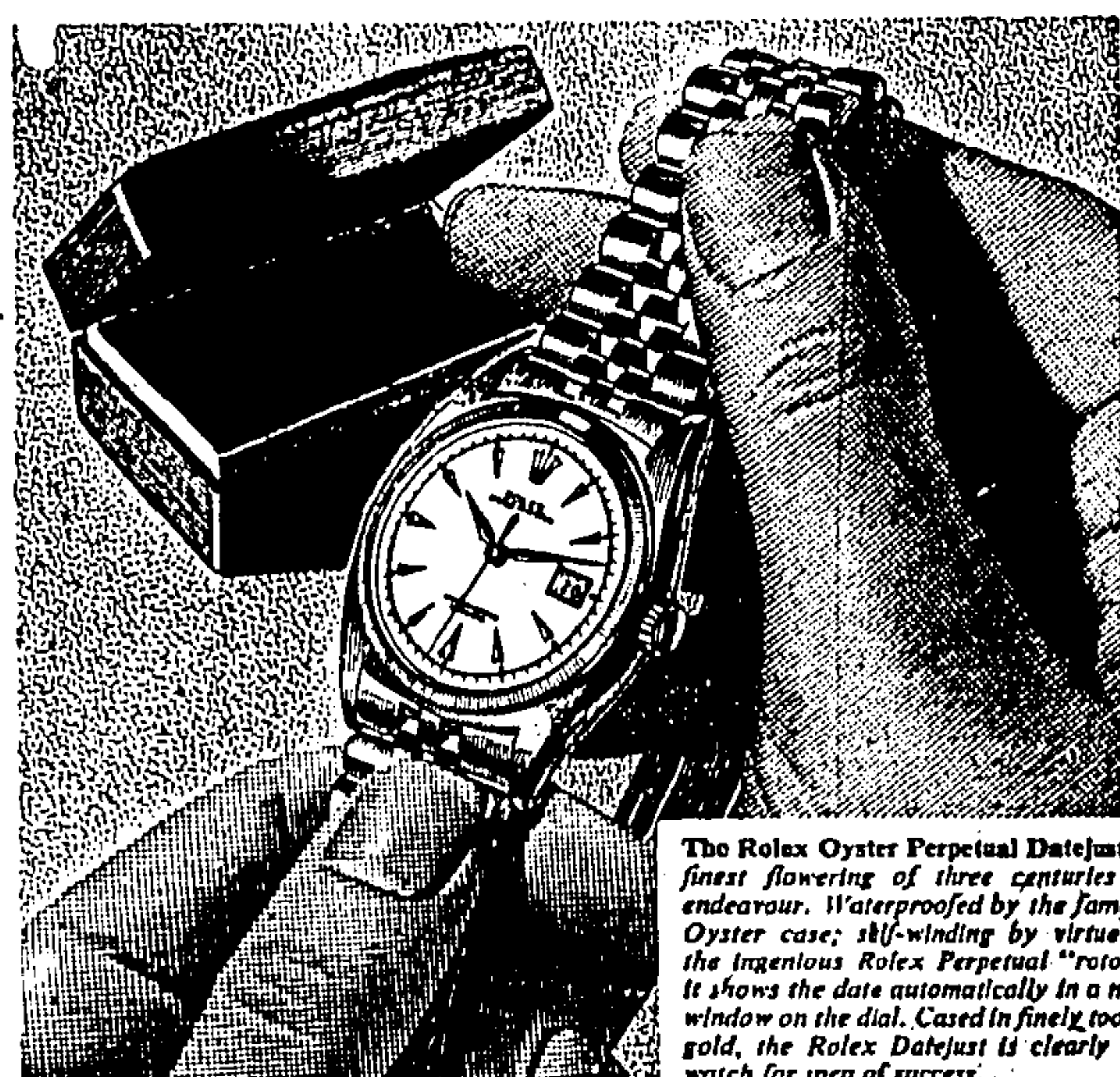
Many a hard-up artist is happy to put in a few hours on a fake "old master" to raise enough to settle the rent.

Home For Cats

Via Margutta is also home to most of Rome's stray cats. The inhabitants, for some unknown reason, have for generations been kind to cats, ill-treated elsewhere in the Italian capital. The street is overrun with them, and at night old women appear with baskets of scraps to feed them.

Via Margutta is not only a street of artists; it also calls to literary and musical names. Famous names associated with the street include Keats, Shelley, Byron, Browning, Goethe.

Its golden age was the nineteenth century when artists gave gay champagne parties for Franz Liszt, Wagner and Adeline Patti. The golden days indeed!



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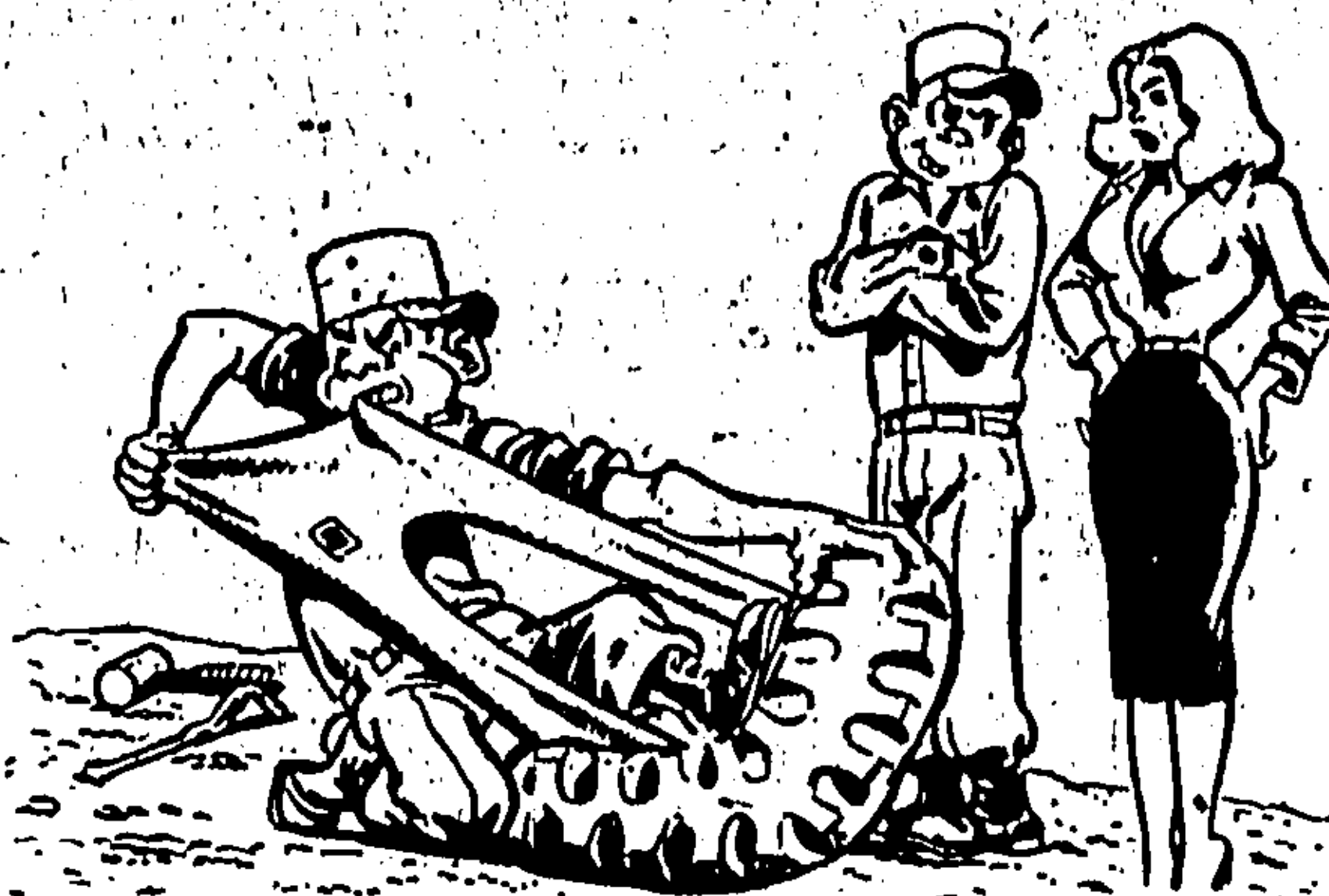
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G. I. JOE calls up the Cutie

(TO GIVE THE BOYS THE DOPE)

CAN you imagine the War Office issuing coloured comics to soldiers as an essential part of their military training?

It may well happen following a lead set by the U.S. Army.

The military instruction books written to explain everything from rifle drill to tank repairs are being replaced in America by magazines filled with comic strip cartoons.

U.S. defence chiefs claim that they are getting far more technical information over to the troops this way—as well as entertaining them.

The characters in the cartoons are modelled on the fabulous creatures so popular in U.S. newspapers and comics.

Thus, instead of Superman, the hero in the army's most successful official comic—called P.S.—is Sergeant Bull Dozer, an equally marvellous muscle man.

Heroine of the stories which put over monthly tips about vehicle maintenance is Connie Rodd—a curvaceous cutie with a plunging neckline.

The average recruit is represented by Joe Dope, a likable lad with protruding teeth. Sergeant Half-Mast McCanick, a knowing old sweat, and Joe's buddy Private Foghorn, complete the regular cast.

The current issue of P.S. features Joe and Connie in a whodunit story, "Oil and Its Dirty Work," by Nicky Spittone.

As the all-knowing Connie proceeds to tell Joe and Foghorn how oil molecules work she says: "Snug up closer and I'll show you what they look like under a lens." They snug up.

A War Office spokesman said: "We are devising ways of brightening up our training manuals including the use of humorous drawings."

Chapman Pincher

THE ACTOR FOOLED THE PRINCE

CAN you imagine any one nowadays playing a hoax on the Royal Family—in front of a huge crowd?

Veteran actor-impersonator Bransby Williams, who was 84 this month, boasts of how he hoaxed the Prince of Wales (now Duke of Windsor) at London's Hippodrome Theatre.

It was at a gala variety show for charity in 1921.

The Prince sat in a box. During the show Admiral Beatty, veteran of World War I, appeared in the stalls. Only it was not Admiral Beatty. It was Bransby Williams dressed up.

A COMMOTION

He stood under the royal box and whispered: "It's only me, your Royal Highness."

"Wonderful," snapped the Prince, "but he won't fool me again!"

A commotion arose later. The audience recognised Lloyd George, then Prime Minister, sitting in the stage box opposite the Prince. Cheers and more cheers. The Prince bowed.

Then: "It's only me, your Royal Highness," said Bransby Williams, removing his make-up.

The beloved old actor's book (Bransby Williams, by Bransby Williams, published by Hutchinson) has been a runaway success.

Williams, 84, has been a leading actor for 50 years. He has played 100 different parts. He has been in 100 different plays. He has been in 100 different movies. He has been in 100 different shows. He has been in 100 different places. He has been in 100 different times. He has been in 100 different ways. He has been in 100 different places. He has been in 100 different times. He has been in 100 different ways.



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JACOBY ON BRIDGE

It Takes Courage To Make This Bid

By OSWALD JACOBY

NOT many experts would open the West hand with three clubs in the hand shown today. Such a bid is usually reserved for a longer club suit with less side strength, particularly strength in the major suits.

While we're miffing at the bidding, we shouldn't overlook East's raise to four clubs. It's hard to see the point of this bid since East has reasonably good defence.

As it happened, however, East did bid four clubs, and South bid the same four spades over four clubs that he would have bid over three clubs. South couldn't be sure that he could make a game, of course, but he was more than willing to try.

West opened the queen of clubs, and South won with the ace. What should declarer do next?

The actual declarer fozzled matters by leading a trump to dummy's king at the second

NORTH 17	
♠K	
♥J9864	
♦J942	
♣952	
WEST (D)	
♠Q4	♥J3
♥K9	♦Q1075
♦108	♣K83
♣J10764	♠K83
SOUTH	
♠A10872	
♥A	
♦A876	
♣A	
North-South vul.	
West Pass East South	
3♣ 4♠ 4♠ 4♠	
Pass Pass Pass	
Opening lead—♠Q	

trick. So if you're trying to pick the right play, you can eliminate that one.

South can do nothing to improve his chances in spades or hearts. The real question is how to play the diamonds.

The percentage play is to begin the diamonds by leading low towards the dummy. If West happens to have K-10 or Q-10, he will be on the spot. For then if he goes up with his picture card, declarer will later lead the jack from the dummy; and if West plays the ten, dummy's jack will force out the other picture card, and declarer will later lay down the ace.

The play works equally well if West has the ten and a low diamond. West naturally plays low at the second trick, and dummy's nine is played to drive out the queen. Later, dummy gets the lead with his picture card, declarer will later lead the jack from the dummy; and if West plays the ten, dummy's jack will force out the other picture card, and declarer will later lay down the ace.

The correct play of the diamonds was possible only if declarer could get to dummy later on to make his second diamond play from dummy. Since the only entry to dummy was the king of spades, it was vital for declarer to begin the diamonds before using up that king of spades.

CARD SENSE

With neither side vulnerable, the bidding has been:

South West North East
1 Spade Pass 2 Clubs 2 Dms.
You, South, hold: Spades K-Q-J-9-7-5-4, Hearts K-Q-9, Diamond 7, Clubs A-2. What do you do?

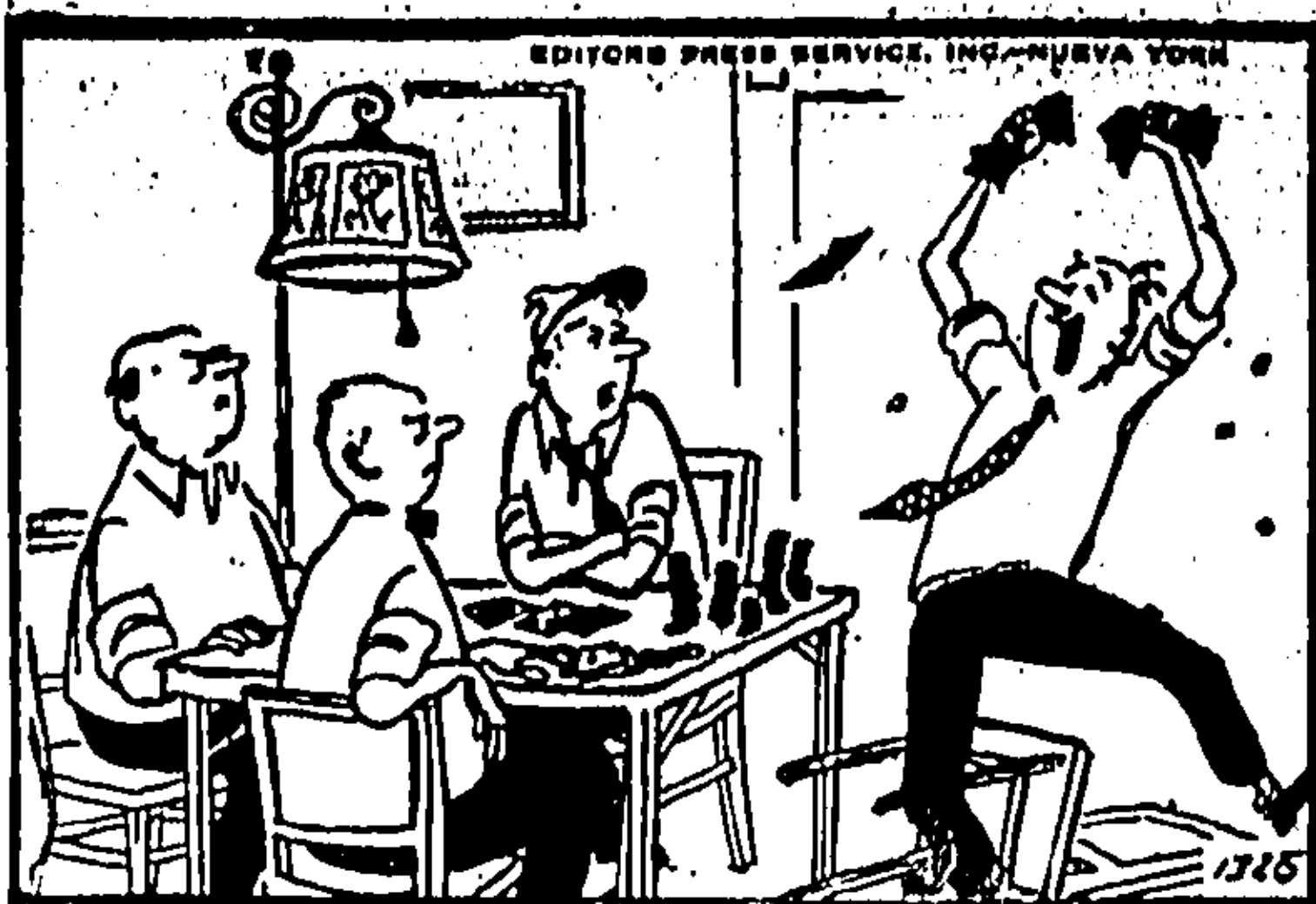
A—Bid three spades. This jump bid is a force to game, in view of the fact that your partner has shown strength by showing a suit at the level of two. You can afford to commit the hand to game even though you have only 15 points in high cards because you have a very strong seven-card major suit and a fair fit with your partner's suit.

TODAY'S QUESTION

The bidding is the same as in the question just answered. You, South, hold: Spades A-K-Q-J-9-7-5, Hearts K-9, Diamond 7, Clubs K-9-3. What do you do?

Answer Tomorrow

DUMB BELLS



YOUR BIRTHDAY ... By STELLA

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14

BORN today, you belong to the world for there is nothing that goes on that does not attract your interest. You are independent in your ways and aggressive in carrying them out. You have an alert, active mind and should reach a comparatively early success. Your tremendous energy, however, means that you will carry on with confidence and success through a long career of accomplishment. It is often said that he who "has... gets." You have what you have because you have earned it through hard work and, perhaps, sweat and many tears.

You have a deep interest in the unknown and the mysterious. You may, at some time in your life, delve into ancient cults. You will approach the subject as a student, not as a believer in every thing you read, see or hear. You want to be convinced, by facts, when confronted by anything that is new.

This trend would make you a good historian, a detective, or a research worker. You have a sense of the dramatic and usually know how to make excellent use of your facts, presenting them so that they are interesting as well as having popular appeal.

Your home ties are strong and although you may have a large circle of casual acquaintances—for it is likely you will travel widely—you will have only a few, carefully chosen, close friends in whom you will confide.

Among those born on this date are: Jane Fonda, actress; Charles O. Whitman, biologist; Gen. James H. Doolittle, aviator; Noah Porter, early Yale president; William H. Wahl, scientist.

To find what the stars have in store for you tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15

RAHITARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 23). Be on your guard against a careless accident, which might set your progress back seriously.

ARHATARIUS (Dec. 23-Jan. 20). You will need to be alert to potential error right now. Absolute accuracy of fact is vital to you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19). You could stir up an argument that would end disastrously, so be guarded in everything you say.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20). Don't "fly off the handle" at some imagined insult today. Count to 10 to avoid answering in anger.

ARHATARIUS (Mar. 21-Apr. 20). It is up to you to keep things under control. But it will take a lot of time.

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21). If you are offered an interesting opportunity investigate every facet of it before you formally accept.

ORION (May 22-June 21). You can convert a fumble into a gain if you are really alert. Watch for the opening—and then go through.

CANCER (June 22-July 21). If your job calls for working with or near machinery, be extremely cautious and you can avoid accident.

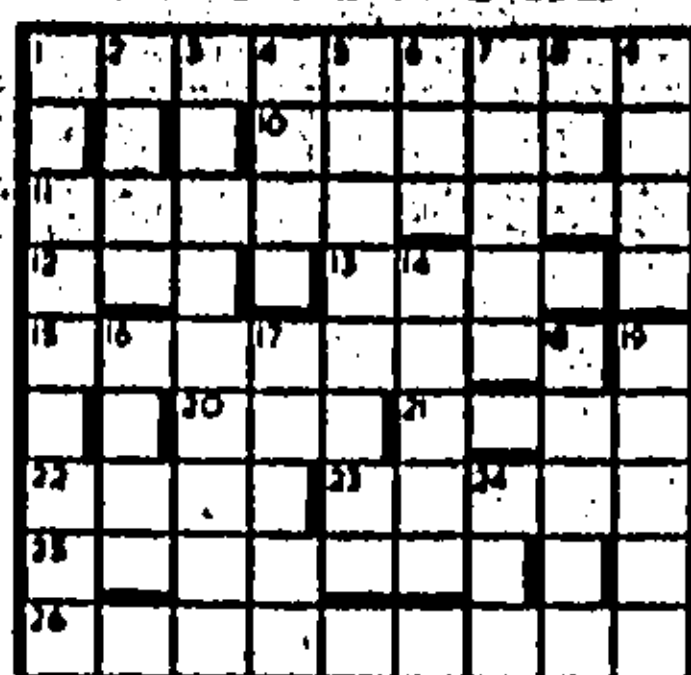
L. E. O. (July 24-Aug. 23). Mechanical things have a way of giving trouble if you don't properly take care of; get a good repairman for the job.

VALO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23). Conserve your energy today for the most important things. Don't waste your effort on non-essentials.

LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23). Dedicate not a day for experimentation. Stick to your normal routine for the best possible results.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 23). Take no risks today for you will find that nothing turns out quite as you had anticipated.

CROSSWORD



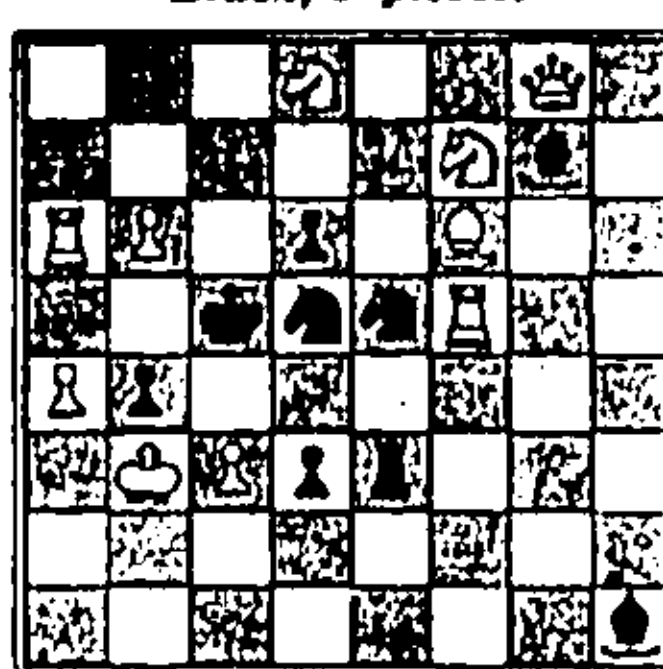
Across
1. Ride on mud leads to this. (9)
2. Bookish sea. (6)
3. Is the sort of man to keep his boat always in harbour? (9)
4. Success without the script. (8)
5. Beautiful spy. (8)
6. This spy makes a term of imprisonment. (8)
7. There's competition about when you do this. (8)
8. 24 Across helps to make it. (4)
9. Frequently urged to travel to the Iberian Peninsula. (8)
10. There's nothing willywilly about this. (8)
11. 20 Across time. (7)
12. Cricketers never use these strokes on off days. (3, 6)

Down
1. It describes a formal start. (9)
2. Blatant. (4)
3. On a device ends up fairly pretending. (9)
4. Little knight. (4)
5. Slight difference from the corners. What a slight! (8)
6. Sours without lullerian troops. (8)
7. Nicer takes a different course. (8)
8. In short, it's last month. (3)
9. Correct place for the hunt. (4)
10. Gladly it used to be called. (8)
11. Now it's absolute term. (8)
12. You may do this, mid pictures and pances! (4)
13. What some people dress up to. (8)
14. There's a suggestion of gentleness about this dirt. (8)
15. 21 Across of old. (8)
16. A college servant sounds as if he might be given in punishment. (8)

SOLUTION TO CHECK YESTERDAY'S PUZZLE

CHESS PROBLEM

By E. PETITE
Black, 9 pieces.



White, 10 pieces.
White to play: mate in two.

Solution to yesterday's problem:

1. Q-Kt1, any; 2. Q, R (dbl ch), or Kt mates.

WOMANSENSE

AN H-LINE SUIT



An H-line suit in pure wool Saxony tweed—double-breasted, with all pockets, and trimmed with a velvet collar.

(London Express Service)

CHRISTMAS DISPLAYS DRAW BIG CROWDS

By TESSA RYLANDS

WINDOW shopping at Christmas time is one of the delights of the whole family, even father who generally dislikes tramping round after his wife in search of food, underclothes or some other unmasculine garment.

Cries of "Oh, Daddy, do look!" are not well received at any other time, but Christmas is the exception and small daughter is allowed to look at each and every object without being dragged away by an impatient father.

At the moment shop windows are not well stocked with things of interest to everyone. Dolls with curly hair and pretty dresses bring squeals of joy to any small girl, while the large fat cuddly teddy bears or electric trains interest all small boys.

Santa & bodyguard

Toys in Whiteways' window draw crowds of small children tugging at Daddy's coat while Daddy, although he pretends not to be, is fascinated by the electric train which runs round in the middle of the puzzles, animals and miniature cars that fill the window.

The Sincere's toy fair serves for even more entertainment. The children's maze with many of the nursery rhymes portrayed in life size figures which move,



At the Sincere's toy fair, children are entertained by "Three Little Pigs" in life size.

receive many "ohs" and "ahs". Parents are coaxed under bridges to the strains of "Twinkle, twinkle, little Star" and "Silent night, holy night."

Santa Claus has a bodyguard of overalls to keep the jostling crowds in order.

What toys do the children really like? Not so much the new inventions whose workings are so difficult to understand, but the toys of longer standing—our old friends.

Whiteways' mechanical trick toys are very popular while electric trains are in great demand. Furry animals are loved by the younger ones, and of course dolls are, and always will be favoured by the girls.

Glittering

Lane Crawford's is a hum of seething activity. The windows are decorated with their brightly coloured, bubbling candles, Christmas backgrounds and artificial snow filled with lovely glass, silver, and jewellery.

Tinsel is thrown over everything and gaily coloured balls give an air of glittering festivity. Christmas trees are in abundance and these adorn the corners, covered with different

lights, more tinsel and here and there some small toy.

The Sun Company's hair brush sets catch many an eager young lady's eye. In several different patterns they themselves lead a festive air to the already brightly arranged windows of toys, scarves and other exciting articles.

Excitement!

Little men must be working overtime as all the elevators are packed to bursting and the queues are getting longer.

All the stores and small shops are overcrowded and one has to squeeze one's way through to achieve anything.

At Macintosh's, the family get held up. Father is happy at last. Red glittering paper makes a colourful background to the pullovers, shirts and ties, while mysterious packages done up in Christmas paper peep from behind the other articles.

Although the London dock strike held up many of the supplies (you would not think so by the windows), all the stores I went into hope to get their shipments before Christmas. The smaller stores are well filled too, and their windows are gaily decorated, and although it is still sometime before Christmas, everywhere one has the same feeling of coming excitement.

BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

At Frank's Barber Shop

—A Cat Was Having Its Whiskers Trimmed—

By MAX TRELL

KNARF, the shadow-boy with the turned-about name, had just set out down the street when he met his friend Mr Merlin the Magician. "Good morning, Mr Merlin."

"Good morning, Knarf. Where are you going this beautiful morning?"

Seeking A Trimming

Knarf said: "I'm going to the barber for a haircut."

"Now, isn't that a coincidence?" exclaimed Mr Merlin. "That's the very thing I was going to do this morning."

Knarf said he was very glad to hear this. "Couldn't we go to the same barber, Mr Merlin?"

"We certainly could, Knarf. Which barber are you going to?"

"I'm going to Frank," said Knarf. "His barber shop is right around the corner."

"Now that's curious," said Mr Merlin. "I'm going to Frank the Barber, too. His shop isn't around the corner, though. It's across the street."

"It must be a different Frank," said Knarf.

"Very likely," said Mr Merlin. "But if you don't mind, I'd like you to try my Frank. I'll try your Frank the next time I need a haircut."

The Barber Primeval

Knarf agreed that this was fair enough, so when they reached the end of the street, he crossed to the other side with Mr Merlin. "Frank's Barber Shop is right behind this tree, Knarf."

Sure enough, and much to Knarf's astonishment, there was the door to Frank's Barber Shop right in the trunk of a big oak tree. The Barber Pole was standing in front of it and there was a swinging sign fastened to the branch of the tree just over the door.

A pig dressed in a white suit was entering the barber shop just as Knarf and Mr Merlin reached it. The pig politely held the door open for them.



The pig held the barber shop door open for them.

The goose waddled off, extremely indignant.

However, Frank was glad to give Knarf and Mr Merlin a very good haircut. "Come again!" he said to them, as they went out.

Magic Tonsorial Parlour

"I never saw such a strange barber shop," Knarf said to Mr Merlin. "Has it always been behind that oak tree?"

Mr Merlin just smiled. But when Knarf ran back behind the oak tree to take another look, the barber shop was gone. The sign was gone. The pole was gone.

"He must have moved away," Mr Merlin said to Knarf. "But I'll find him when it comes time to go there again."

Rupert at Greyrocks Cove—47



Rupert and David have barely emerged from the tunnel when there is a shout from above. John, the "Bomber Scout," has seen them and "come down to the cave." "Where on earth have you two been?" he demands. "I spotted you here and your aeroplane. But I was a little higher than you were as I was about to leave."

GLAMOUR GIFTS

SHE'LL FALL UNDER THE MAGIC SPELL OF SHEER NYLON WITH GIFTS SO Intimately Hers

PERFECTLY STYLED BY THE WORLD'S LEADING MAKERS

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HONGKONG WINS FIRST TWO MATCHES IN ASIAN TABLE TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Singapore, Dec. 13.

The Hongkong team, a late arrival for the tournament, went into action in the Asian Table Tennis Championships here today, first accounting for Malaya 5-1 and then beating India 5-2.

There was a major upset in the first match when ranking Hongkong player Sih Su-chu lost to the little known Malay player, Saw Chong-pek, in three sets.

The Hongkong team arrived in Singapore late today, due to aircraft engine trouble. They barely had time to rush to their hotel for a short rest and then on to the tournament grounds at the Singapore Badminton Stadium.

Sih, playing first, lost to Saw Chong-pek of Malaya. The Hong Kong player played badly and was over-hitting, probably because of his team's late arrival and lack of time to get used to local playing conditions. The following were the scores of the matches:

Wolves Made 10-1 Favourites For FA Cup

London, Dec. 13. Wolverhampton Wanderers, English Football League Champions and conquerors of the Russian Spartak team, were made 10-1 favourites to win the English Football Association Challenge Cup at the Victoria Club tomorrow.

Second favourites at 100 to 9 were Huddersfield Town, followed by the costly Sunderland at 100 to 1.

The Cup holders, West Ham, with Aston were grouped at 100 to 1, 7 to 6 Manchester United, Chelsea and Portsmouth.

Arsenal, who have won only six of their 21 matches this season, were offered at 20 to 1.

Reuter.

Sih Su-chu (Hongkong) lost to Saw Chong-pek (Malaya) 13-21, 21-13, 19-21, 21-13. Chung Chin-shing (Hongkong) beat Kok Kwei-seng (Malaya) 21-15, 21-10, beat Chan Cheong 21-23, 21-6, 21-4.

Chu Chung-ling (Hongkong) beat Saw Chong-pek 21-18, 21-18, beat Kok Kwei-seng 21-18, 21-13.

HONGKONG v. INDIA

Scores in the Hongkong-India match were:

Sih Su-chu beat Chandarana 21-13, 21-18.

Chung Chin-shing lost to Motiwalla 14-21, 21-13, 21-23.

Lau Seck-fong beat Vyas 21-15, 18-21, 21-7.

Chung Chin-shing beat Chandarana 21-10, 21-17.

Sih Su-chu lost to Vyas 14-21, 15-21.

Seck-fong beat Motiwalla 21-20, 21-18.

Chung Chin-shing beat Vyas 21-17, 21-18.

OTHER SCORES

Scores in other team matches for the Baroda Cup were:

Singapore 5, Indonesia 0.

India 5, Korea 2.

Vietnam 5, Indonesia 3.

Philippines 5, Korea 1.

Singapore 5, Malaya 0.

HOME RUGGER

London, Dec. 13. Rugby Union results today:

Cambridge 3, Cambridge University 3.

United Hospitals 3, Dublin Hospitals 3.—Reuter.

HARRY ODELL says:

I now bring you one of the funniest British pictures you have ever seen.



TO-MORROW AT THE KING'S — PRINCESS

Wolves Beat Hungarian Champions

London, Dec. 13.

Wolverhampton Wanderers, the leading British football team, today beat Hungary, the Hungarian League Champions, by three goals to two. At half time Hungary were leading 2-0.

The Wolves, First Division Champions and leaders of this season's table, proved themselves tonight capable of beating the best that the continent can produce.

Showing remarkable staying power, coolness and rapidity, they fought back from a two-goal deficit to end the match with a 2-1 victory.

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NEAR THE END OF THE FIRST TEST



Dennis Compton, with injured hand bound, battling to the bowling of Australian skipper Ian Johnson in the closing stages of the First Test Match.—Central Press Photo.

THE VARSITY RUGBY MATCH

The Johnstone Plan Failed Lamentably

By PETER LOVEGROVE

A solitary penalty goal by full-back Peter Davies in the tenth minute took Cambridge to victory over Oxford at Twickenham on December 7 in what will surely rank as the poorest inter-varsity rugby match since the war.

Davies, son of the famous Glamorgan cricketer, Emrys Davies, has made a habit of kicking the vital points in these traditional encounters. In 1952, his penalty goal enabled the Light Blues to get the narrowest of decisions by six points to five. Last year his two penalties made a 6-6 draw of it.

Unhurriedly and seemingly phlegmatic, this slightly-built, fair-haired Welshman, fielded the ball with cool confidence, always positioned intelligently, and kicked long, accurate touches to give one of the few notes of distinction to a game that was honest in defensive endeavour but sadly lacking in attacking skill and efficiency.

It is unpleasant to have to say it, but the man who did most to ruin the game as a spectacle was the Oxford captain and Springbok three-quarter, Paul Johnstone, the most experienced player on the field and one of the most elusive runners in the game.

The fact that he had had an attack of influenza a few days before the match could reasonably be expected to have impaired his stamina, but it was his judgment that was so much at fault.

WAS OBVIOUS

With such an outstanding performer against them, it was obvious that Cambridge's first and fundamental duty was to blot him out of the game if possible. When Johnstone, who had originally put himself down at left-centre, started the game at fly-half, this duty fell to Beer, Clements and Herbert, three very fast and thorough back-row forwards, who are as hard tacklers and close markers as they come in the game today. Johnstone made their task easier than expected. Oxford, thanks to the superb hooking of R.C.P. Allaway, had the advantage in the tight scrums (they won in fact 36 of the 57 set scrums), and though the ball came out rather slowly it reached Johnstone with plenty of time to spare.

Unfortunately, he did most of the things a fly-half should never do. He took his passes running still, dithered before deciding on his next move, and then either tried to kick or run diagonally on his own, to die with the ball after going only a few yards. Rarely did he pass to his centre, when he did, always late and generally too low, they in turn came under the inevitable hammer. To make matters worse, Johnstone was off the target with two penalties, one relatively easy.

Perhaps the most amazing feature of the game was that Oxford had no alternative plan. When it became evident that Johnstone at fly-half would not be able to shake himself free of the Cambridge forwards, atten-

tions, Oxford supporters expected that R. Leslie, the Northampton fly-half playing at centre, would change places with him and endeavour to open up the game, but the switch never came and long before the end most of the Dark Blues among the 50,000 spectators were resigned to their fate.

PARALYZED

As it was, the three-quarter line, which included a useful centre in South African W. M. Butcher and two very fast wing backs, was completely paralyzed, and all the hard scrummaging of the forwards was wasted. Not that Cambridge ever rose much above a mediocre standard. D. Jagger and R. W.D. Marques gave them a definite superiority in the line-outs in the second half, the pack did good work in the loose, and the backs certainly had more opportunities, but they lacked thrust and frequently bungled their passing.

Brilliant Bowling By Hugh Tayfield

Durban, Dec. 13.

Brilliant bowling by South African Test bowler Hugh Tayfield, who took seven second innings wickets for 24, helped Natal to beat Transvaal by 147 runs in a Currie Cup cricket match here today.

The Springbok offspinner had figures of 28.1-16-24-7. Set to get 247 runs in 240 minutes to win, Transvaal were all out for 99 fifty minutes before the close.

Scores were: Natal 278 and 284 for eight declared; Transvaal 316 and 99.—Reuter.

Russian Horsemen Need More Time

Brussels, Dec. 13.

The Soviet Union has asked for the postponement by at least a month of horse riding events in the 1952 Olympic Games.

Russian delegates told a meeting of the International Equestrian Federation here tonight that bad weather usually hampered training seriously in their country during March and April.

They contended that the events, due to be held in Stockholm in June 1952, were too early in the year.—Reuter.

Fly-half T. McClung and centre D.R.W. Silk found some very good touches in the later stages, and R.H. Umbers gave a gallant display at scrum-half, playing three-quarters of the game with a broken nose.

They had territorial advantage, were better balanced than their opponents, and deserved to win. Allway's hooking work was Oxford's best points in a game that will not live long in the memory.

LAND FORCES TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS

The following were the results of matches played at the Hongkong Cricket Club yesterday in the Land Forces' Tennis Championships:

Men's Singles

Maj. Pegg beat L/Cpl Valentine 6/2, 6/0, 6/3; Tn. Allan beat Tpr. Satterthwaite 6/3, 7/5; Maj. Dudley beat 2/Lt. Test 6/3, 6/2; 3/Lt. McCay beat Cpl Reeves 6/2, 6/0; Gnr. Cooley beat Maj. Boycott 6/8, 6/3, 4; Maj. Richards beat 2/Lt. Barracott 6/1, 6/0.

Men's Doubles

The following pairs won through to Round 3: Maj. Catley & Capt. Willoughby; Major Dudley & Maj. Boycott. The following won through to the semi-final round: WOII Reid & L/Cpl Valentine; Gnr. Cooley & Sgt. Hooper.

Mixed Doubles

WOI & Mrs. Reid beat Maj. Richards & Miss Brice 6/4, 5/7, 6/1; Lt. McCay & Mrs. Evans received a w/o over from L/Cpl Valentine & Miss Brathwaite; Lt. and Miss Remy received a w/o over from Maj. Catley and Capt. Ratter; Maj. & Mrs. Smith beat Sgt. Reid & Mrs. Thornhill 6/1, 6/2; 5/Sgt. & Mrs. Wilby beat Sgt. Anderson & Mrs. Morris; and beat Maj. & Mrs. Gladwin (Round 2) 6/2, 6/4; Capt. Hurst & Mrs. McGrath beat Maj. Ho-

Wally Thom Loses

Liège, Belgium, Dec. 13. Wally Thom, British, and European welterweight boxing champion, was beaten on points by Ed Dussart (Belgium) in a 10-round non-title bout here tonight.—Reuter.

Jockey Club's Latest Classifications List

The Hongkong Jockey Club's latest classifications list, dated December 13, shows First Edition still the leading money winner with \$7,750 in stakes won.

Royal Command (\$8,750) and Freddy (\$8,500) retain their positions as second and third respectively, while American Carrot and Anniversary 10 are joined by Four Acts and Attractive Power as the result of their recent successes with \$8,000 each.

Of the lower class ponies, Courtier and Festival View have reached the \$8,000 mark and share fifth position with Strathlin.

The following are the classifications:
Class 1 (19).—American Carrot, \$8,000; Aviemore, Babble, \$1,500; Ben Lomond, Bonita, Field Marshal, Freddy \$8,500; Fire-glo 1,250; Four Aces \$8,000; Gold Crown 1,250; Gold Cup 1,250; Half Moon Bay 1,250; Jingle Bell 4,250; Johnner, Knock-down 8,000; Marietta 1,500; Straight Forward 1,500; Strathlin 5,000.

Class 2 (33).—Ambition, \$3,000; Anna, Bankfoot, Beautiful Lie 2,500; Beautiful Star 3,000; Bengal Lancer, Ben More, Caesar 3,000; Charloet 3,000; Clonfinkle 2,500; Crackerjack 2,750; Emerald, Fenchurch, First Edition 7,750; Gabriel Junks, Geronimo 1,250; Gold Medal, Hallmark, Home, Bulldog, Icefield 2,750; Knock-again 4,750; Larc Triomphe, Meadowbrook, New Jersey 4,250; Norse Girl, Norseman 3,000; Pegasus, Ping On, Potentially, Rainbow, Skyline 8,000; Star-glo, Winning Rush 4,500.

Class 3 (34).—Apple pie \$1,500; Beat That 1,500; Chinese Mackerel, Cinderella, Concord, Diamond Dahlia, Easy Money 1,250; Eudora, Fida 3,000; Firestone, Flaming Wheel, Fung Chi 3,000; Gay Prince 5,750; Gladup 3,000; Glenish, Glorious, Heilppoppin 4,500; Jip On 3,000; John Hallor 4,500; Kentucky, Larc, Kentucky Lady, Lawrence 3,000; Maxman 4,500; Mustang 2,500; Never Mind 1,500; Royal 1,250; Shiraz 3,000; Solar Knight 4,250; Squadron Leader, Supreme Command, Tom Thumb 4,250; Tonyer 1,250; Treasureland, Trio 2,750.

Class 4 (34).—Adorable Ada, Air Power, Barbarian, Beautiful Phoenix, Ben Macduhl, Blue Bird \$1,250; Bright Bay, Can Do 4,500; Cirrus, Eagle King 1,500; English Cabbage, Every Day 4,250; Fieldmaster 3,000; Ford View, Golden Dahlia, High Noon 4,250; High Speed 1,250; King A 3,000; Lake Success, Lily 3,000; Mak Sizar 1,500; Michael, Minola, Pay Day 1,500; Possibility II 3,750; Queen Helix.

Class 5 (35).—Barometer \$1,500; Ben Lancers 1,000; Blondie Blossom Time, Boyne 1,000; Colla 2,500; Congratulation, Courtier 5,000; Crown Witness 3,750; Emperor Delight 1,250; Festival View 5,000; Fleetmaster 1,250; Flying Dutchman, Fortuna 3,750; Fox Hunter 1,250; Gallant Knight 1,500; Henrich 3,500; Honey Dew 2,500; Inevitable 2,500; Jennifer, Jungle Queen, King Rider 1,250; Laddie, Lady Gloucester, Manx Penny 1,250; Matador 2,500; No Regrets, Pearl Diver 3,500; Pearl of Hongkong 2,000; Probability 1,250; Quizzette, Scrabs 1,000; Souvenir, Strathgort, 3,750; The Hopful, Timber, Top Top, Trade Wind, V.I.P.

Class 6 (26).—Acropolis \$2,000; Amber 1,000; Calamity, Desert Gold 2,000; Dillkosh, Dilly 1,250; Easy-going, Evergreen, Fair Play 1,250; Golf, Green Velvet 3,750; Helens, Ironside 2,500; Jethell 1,250; Mary Remembrance 2,500; May, Moorme 1,250; Norse Lady, Portforce, Penny 1,000; Red Feather, Rider's Wish, Ringdale, Senorita, Tune-piece 1,250; Wild Oat 2,000.

Class 9 (25).—Al Fresco \$1,250; Angelle Power 2,500; Bitter Sweet 600; Eight Knight 1,000; Dashing Beauty II, Dutch Courage, Evening View 1,250; First Lady 1,000; Full Swing, Gladious, Gracechurch, Harvest Moon, Kerrera, Lassie, Monetary Fund, Queen-pots 1,250; Route dor, Rowangon, 1,000 South Pacific, Sunn, Symphony Thunder Sky, White Hood, Wild Honey, Yet Kwong.

Royal Command 6,750; Same Again 4,250; Santa Claus 3,000; Say When 1,250; Seafire 3,000; Spinning Wheel 1,500; United Fortune 3,000; World Peace 1,250.

Class 5 (43).—Aan Hing, Allied Victory, Anniversary 10 9,000; Another Victory, Avoca, 1,250; Balsam, Ben Ledi, Char-ting 3,000; Citation 3,750; Cordon Blue, Cordon Rouge, Corveta 3,000; Debutante 2,750; Diamond Queen 3,000; Diana 3,000; Easy Slam, Fel Chi, Fighting Spirit, Fleeting Moment, Ginger, Great Conqueror, Harmony, Hawk Hunter, Highlight 2,750; Hiram C, Huntington 2,500; Marine Charger, New Love 3,000; Our Pride, Outsider, Peachum, 1,500; Perfectibility 3,000; Phoenix, Pot O'Gold, Prince Dahlia 1,250; Ringway, Smiling Tiger, Speedy Roger, Tell-me-more 1,500; The Stranger 1,500; Thousand Miles, Tiny Grey 4,250; United Victory 2,500.

Class 6 (32).—Advancement \$3,000; Armament 2,500; Atomic Caesar 2,500; Attractive Power 6,000; Bayshore 1,500; Blazing 4,250; Brivisto 1,000; Comet 1,250; Conqueror, Cornhill, Dreamcatcher 1,250; Free Kick, Free Success 4,000; Good Girl, Hawaiian Moon, How Do I Know 1,000; Hunca Munca 1,250; Hurry On 2,000; Koon-yum Shan, Mainail II, Moon-rush, Oceanic Sky 3,000; Orange Penny 2,750; Pegasus, Foxglove Mine 1,250; Rebel II 1,000; Silver Dahlia 2,500; Straight Flush, Sunstroke, Uncle Willie, Vagabond King, Valbridge 1,000.

Class 7 (38).—Barometer \$1,500; Ben Lancers 1,000; Blondie Blossom Time, Boyne 1,000; Colla 2,500; Congratulation, Courtier 5,000; Crown Witness 3,750; Emperor Delight 1,250; Festival View 5,000; Fleetmaster 1,250; Flying Dutchman, Fortuna 3,750; Fox Hunter 1,250; Gallant Knight 1,500; Henrich 3,500; Honey Dew 2,500; Inevitable 2,500; Jennifer, Jungle Queen, King Rider 1,250; Laddie, Lady Gloucester, Manx Penny 1,250; Matador 2,500; No Regrets, Pearl Diver 3,500; Pearl of Hongkong 2,000; Probability 1,250; Quizzette, Scrabs 1,000; Souvenir, Strathgort, 3,750; The Hopful, Timber, Top Top, Trade Wind, V.I.P.

Class 8 (26).—Acropolis \$2,000; Amber 1,000; Calamity, Desert Gold 2,000; Dillkosh, Dilly 1,250; Easy-going, Evergreen


By TOM FINNEY

NON-COMMITTAL
Ask him how long he intends to carry on playing, and you will receive a non-committal reply or, maybe, "Two or three years". The way Stan is playing now he could easily equal the endurance of Billy Meredith, the Manchester City, Manchester United

the two sides. We won 4-3. When the war ended there began a rivalry between us for England's right wing position. Stan would get a run, and then I would be in favour. It never affected our friendship even though the newspapers were red-hot with controversy.

Some of his best games have been when he has drawn the attention of two of the opposing defence to give the rest of the attack superiority in numbers and, in consequence, a much easier task in scoring goals.

FIELD:
UNDOUBTEDLY
Signor
Orlandini
THE ITALIAN
REFEREE.
HE LOOKED
SO SPLENDID



SUTHERLAND
PORTRAIT OF
HIM WOULD
BE HAILED
AS A
THING OF
BEAUTY.

Roy Ullmet

The first stroke is a straight red into the top right-hand corner pocket. Your cue-ball must be struck centre and as low as possible, with a slightly shortened grip on the butt of the cue. Follow through on the moment of impact, and this should put the cue-ball at position X1, for the black as shown by diagram B.



For potting the yellow into the bottom right-hand corner pocket, address the cue-ball to the left edge of centre and play it fast enough to come away from the bottom cushion to make contact with the bottom right-hand side cushion and finish in line for the green, 20.



Do remember that your own car and a good tip are of paramount importance.

Doubles semi-final, came out winners again today in the Mixed Doubles semi-final games. Iris Cooley partnered T.N. Seth of India in a 15-10, 15-6 win over N. Natekar and Ushshi Bhat of India.

June White and Devinder Mohan of India beat Henry Ferreira and Sumen Doodhar 15-8, 9-15, and 15-11. —Francis Prime.

Right-backs: Santo Yiu (KMS), Hung Che-ping (CMB), Lau Hing-yau (CMB).	Centre: Yau Yiu-chung (KMS), Yau Yiu-chung (KMS).	Goalkeepers: Yau Yiu-chung (KMS), Yau Yiu-chung (KMS).
Left-backs: Lau Yee (KMS), Lau Yee (KMS).	Centre: Yau Yiu-chung (KMS), Yau Yiu-chung (KMS).	Goalkeepers: Yau Yiu-chung (KMS), Yau Yiu-chung (KMS).

Cardigan, Sgt. English,
K.I.T.O. v. Stockpots "B" on
Happy Valley at 11 a.m. (Umpires:
Machin, Singh, S. A. Abbas)
Fire-Arm

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30% on or before end of
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completion, within a period of
two years from date of signa-
ture of the agreement.

Local Enterprise Ltd. have
granted an option to the Hotel
Co. to lease such accommoda-
tion in the new building as
they may require.

Irishmen Don't Recognise Court

Belfast, Dec. 13.
Eight men in Dublin and
Cork, arrested after a recent
raid on the British military
barracks at Omagh, northern
Ireland, refused today to re-
cognise the court trying them in
Belfast. They were charged with
treasonable felony.
They are: Thomas J. Mitchell,
23, bricklayer of Fairview,
Dublin; Eamonn Boyce, 27,
labourer of Galtymore Road,
Dublin; Sean O'Hegarty, 20,
post office engineer, Commons
Road, Cork; Philip Clarke, 21,
civil servant of Ben Madigan
Road, Dublin; Liam Mulcahy, 22,
baker, of Greenfield Lane, Cork;
Patrick Joseph Kearney, 28, bus
conductor of Drimnagh, Dublin;
John McCabe, 22, builder's
labourer, Ballyfermot, Dublin;
and Sean O'Callaghan, 21,
auditor's clerk of Botolphglass,
Cork.—Reuter.

Suicide After Killing Ex-Wife

London, Dec. 13.
A man shot dead his
newly divorced wife in a
car in a London street
when she came with a
solicitor's representative to
divide up their furniture,
and then shot himself, a
jury decided here today.

The inquest was on Mrs
Mary Abery, 40, London bus
conductor, and Harry Abery,
46, who died in a double
shooting here last week.

The coroner told the jury
that Mrs Abery had the first
stage of divorce granted to her.
She went with a representa-
tive of a firm of solicitors to
Abery's flat to divide the fur-
niture following the award of a
court order.

The representative, Mr
Frederick Knightley, told the
court that he went up to the
flat while Mrs Abery waited
downstairs in a car.

Abery excused himself for a
few moments, left Mr Knightley
alone in the flat and went out-
side. From a window Mr
Knightley saw that Abery was
carrying a gun and thought he
was going to shoot his ex-
wife with it.

There were two shots. Then
Abery went back towards the
building and there was another
shot.

The jury returned a verdict
that Mrs Abery was murdered
by Abery and that he killed
himself. There was no evidence
as to his state of mind.—China
Mail Special.

PRIVATE LIVES OF ITALIAN M.P.s. EXPOSED

Rome, Dec. 13.
Dozens of Italy's politicians are threatened
with a nightmare experience. Each one wonders
which of them may be singled out as victim in a
sinister new system of directing a blaze of poli-
tical publicity on to private lives.

All the legal shackles on the Press which
normally protect the privacy of citizens have
begun to shake loose under the pressure of poli-
tical exploitation of sex scandals.

Italy's highly organised Communist Press was
the first to use sustained scandal-mongering to destroy
or damage political enemies.

The Wilma Montesi scandal, an
intricate tangle of sex influence
peddling, shady real estate deals
and dope trafficking, has pro-
vided the Communist chain of
publications with ample am-
munition for the past 12 months.

SURPRISED
The Italian Government
and leaders of the big Chris-
tian Democratic Party were
taken entirely by surprise at
the efficacy of this weapon
and at the ruthlessness with
which the Communists
wielded it.

Day after day, leftwing news-
papers launched a battery of
insinuations and direct accusa-
tions against political person-
alities and high officials.
The campaign was fed by the
extraordinary revelations drawn
from court witnesses by the
brilliant questioning of a Com-
munist lawyer, Professor
Giuseppe Solgou.

Within a few weeks of the
outbreak of the Montesi scandal,
it was obvious that the Com-
munist Party was determined
to follow the track laid down by
the Communists. They vied
with each other in proving
Rome's seamy side.

The chance for revenge came
to the Christian Democrats
when three reporters of an
evening newspaper, following a
clue furnished by a delicious
call girl as she lay dying in
hospital, discovered a flat used
for prostitution.

TOOK PHOTOGRAPHS
Photographers were
hidden near the entrance to
the block of flats to take
pictures of all suspected
clients and of the call girls
they met there.

One reporter became an
habitué. He won the friendship
of the woman who ran it and
then telephoned her regularly
from his newspaper office. He
continued to make her report
over the telephone what she
had told him in the intimacy
of her apartment. He even in-
duced her to spell certain names.
These conversations were
recorded.

When the reporters had
gathered all the evidence they
wanted, they informed the
police.

But it was quickly obvious
that this vigorous exploitation
of the case against Professor
Solgou might lead to grave
results. The high-powered Com-
munist machine, with millions of
members and with sympathisers
everywhere, may decide to
strike back.

MANY OTHERS
In return for the ruin of
their own notable men—
Italy's leading criminal
lawyer and figure in
Rome's local government—
they may exact the ruin of
one or many of the other
side.

Since ancient Rome began to
decline, the Eternal City has
been noted for laxity in
brothels. The Communists
would probably not have to
look for victims.—China Mail
Special.

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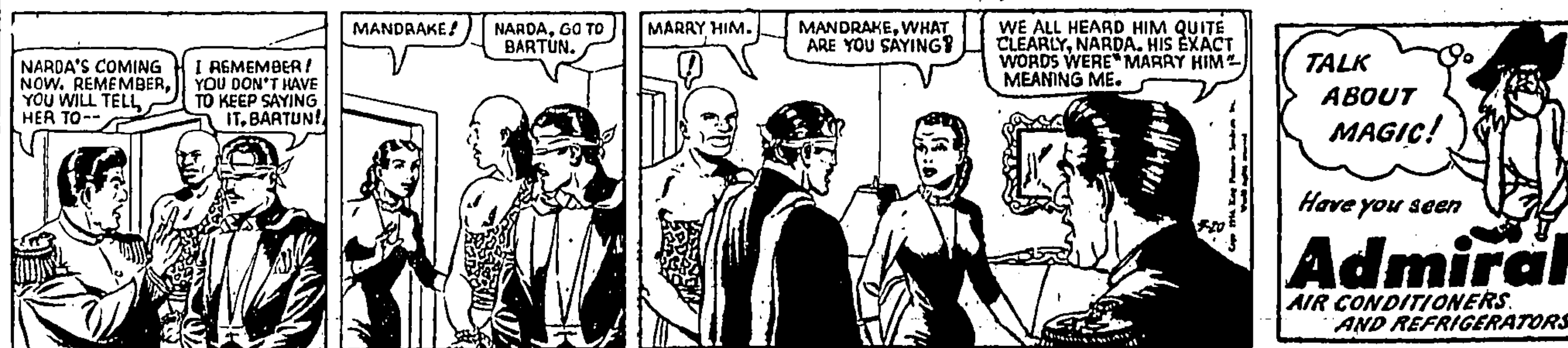
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By Lee Falk and Phil Davis



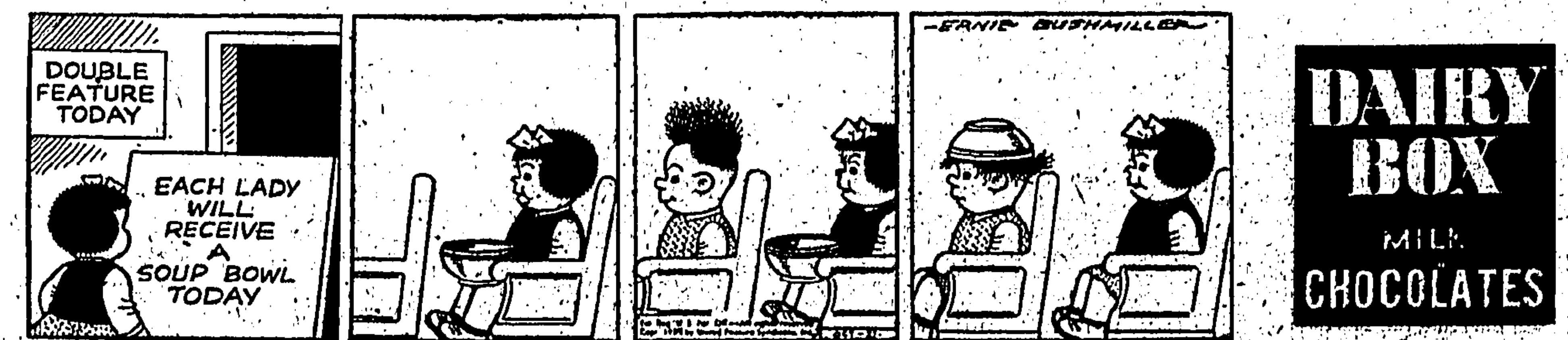
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Tito Will Have Talks With Nehru

New Delhi, Dec. 13.
President Josip Tito of Yugo-
slavia, who arrives in Bombay
on Thursday as the first head
of state to visit India since her
independence, is expected to
have three or four talks with
Mr Nehru, the Indian Prime
Minister, during his 18-day
stay.

According to the provisional
programme of the visit issued
today, President Tito will
address a joint meeting of both
houses of Parliament during his
six days in New Delhi.
Elaborate security precautions
have been taken to safeguard
the Yugoslav President, who is
expected to have his personal
bodyguard and a total of 60 in
his entourage.

The talks with Mr Nehru will
take place in New Delhi before
the Indian Prime Minister leaves
for the Djakarta conference of
Colombo powers.—Reuter.

OSLO'S GIFT TO LONDON

London, Dec. 13.
A 53-foot Christmas tree
Oslo's annual festival gift to
London, was towed through the
streets from the docks today
and reached its destination in
Trafalgar Square.
It is now being decorated
with an accompanying gift of
artificial snow made of cotton-
wool and with lights and from
next Monday will be a public
display in the square.
The tree was first seen when
it was towed from the docks to
the square.—Reuter.

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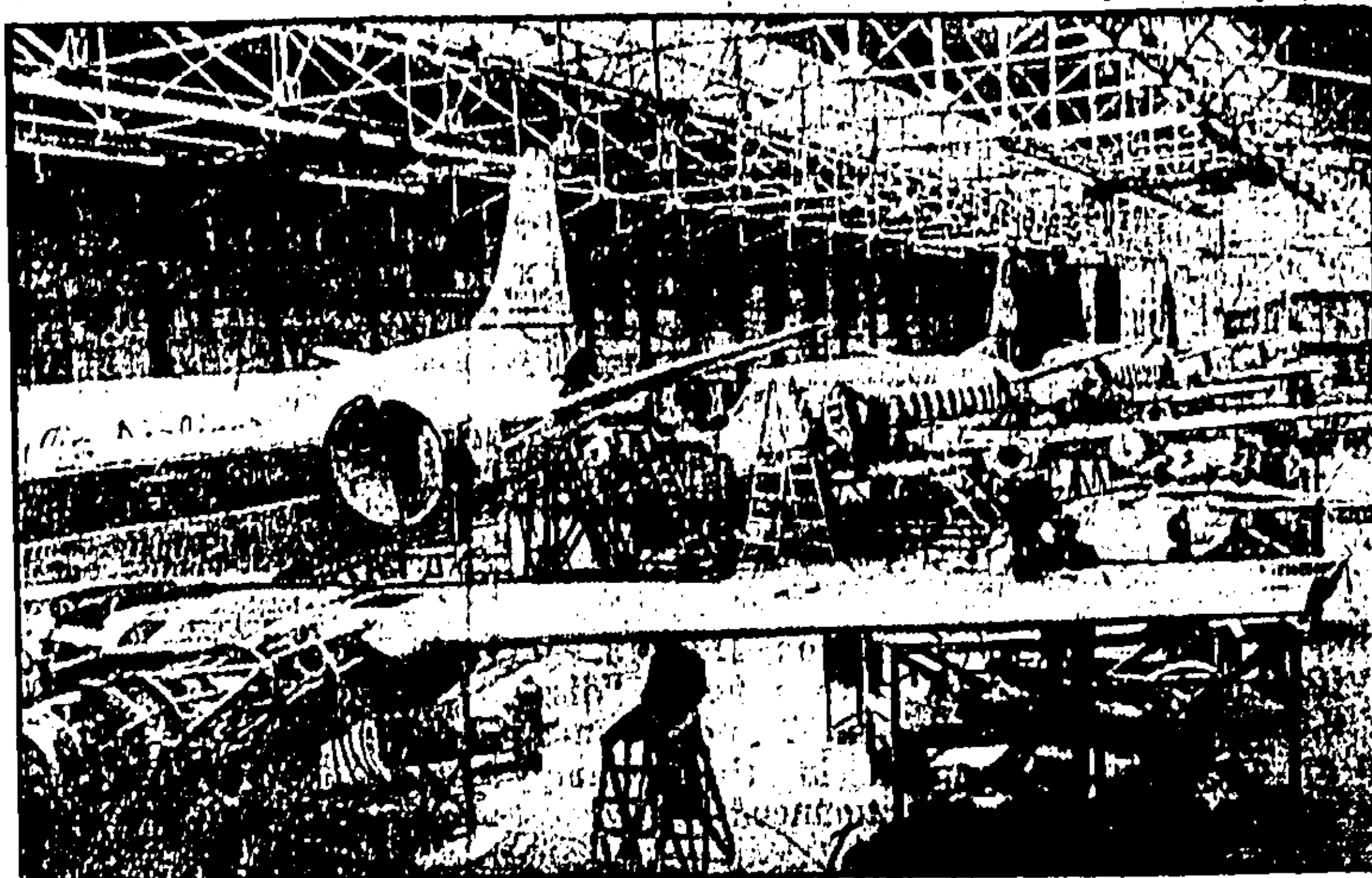
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OUR WEEKLY AVIATION NEWS



No great has been the demand for the Viscount turboprop airliner, that Vickers-Armstrongs are working at full pressure to complete the orders that are still coming in. Capital Airlines, the American line which has already bought 40 Viscounts, have ordered another 20. This brings the total of sold aircraft to 177 of which 131 are for overseas, including 83 for U.S.A. and Canada and 60 for Australia. Airlines—including the British European Airways Corporation—have been placing orders for Viscounts which are fitted with Rolls-Royce Dart Engines. The value of the North American order, including spares, is slightly over £30 million. This picture, taken at Hurn shows a general view of the assembly lines with Viscounts for Trans-Canada and Trans-Australia airlines.—United Press.

Major American Airline Changes To Gas Turbines

The main point about Capital Airlines' decision to take up their option for 20 more Viscounts is that one of the major American domestic airlines is leaving pistons and going over to gas turbines—the latest and most convincing proof that the great conversion to the new form of power for airlines really is under way.

Only half a decade ago the very idea that this revolution in power was about to come was unknown to the public, challenged by many, believed in only by those few almost all of them in this country who saw forward through the years of test and trial and backed their faith. Within that short period of time, broken as it was by threat of war and the burden of rearmament which for a couple of years threatened our whole civil programme into jeopardy, the revolution has been accepted, not only in this country but also in America. Competitors in America have followed the lead of Capital Airlines and have taken the same step. Within the turboprop field, with aircraft now being developed by the U.S. Air Force and the U.S. Navy.

Within that five years since the public first glimpsed the world's first gas turbine prototype, an order-book of £2,100 million has been built up for these new aircraft, from 24 airlines throughout the world—all of it in the British aircraft industry, for in no other have any firm commercial orders yet been announced. This backlog covers the first cost of the aircraft only and excludes the value of orders for spares.

In this year, 1954, it can for the first time be said with complete confidence that the conversion of the world's main line aircraft from piston to gas turbine—pure jet or turboprop—is only a matter of time.

In this year also the pioneers in this country who have pushed the world over the threshold of the gas turbine revolution have had their greatest setback, the Comet accidents. Yet in its flights as an airliner the Comet was a resounding success. That success will be improved on, for nothing is more certain than that long range, high flying, pure jet airliners will soon be giving Comet special and Comet comfort to mainline passengers. The prize is now all the more certain within reach, for as Sir Hartley Shawcross said at the close of the Comet Inquiry, the Comet "will go up to the skies with a quite unique background of investigation and research." The Vickers V-1000 military jet transport is now in production for the Royal Air Force, with Rolls-Royce jet engines available for conversion to long range airline use.

And even if British reaction to the world's best long-range aircraft were to fall at the last fence, our American competitors are in the field, ready to build on the foundation of knowledge and experience which Vickers-Armstrongs, Rolls-Royce and BOAC have pioneered, backed by a partnership of British public and private money.

The long range turboprop airliner is also bound to come, helped in its turn from the foundation of knowledge and experience which Vickers-Armstrongs, Rolls-Royce and BOAC have pioneered. Bristol and BOAC are together developing the Bristol Britannia, capable of non-stop trans-Atlantic operation with the Bristol Proteus engine, an engine fully type tested and officially cleared for the carriage of fare-paying passengers, a distinction which the makers have stated is not enjoyed by any other turboprop engine in this power category. A more advanced model of the Britannia, also being developed, will be powered by the Bristol BE-25 constant-power turboprop. The special quality of this engine is that it preserves its take-off power of 4,000 h.p. undiminished at heights of over 20,000 ft. and thus opens up new realms of aircraft operation unobtainable hitherto. The aircraft will have full take-off power available at any aerodrome in the world, irrespective of climate or airfield elevation. The engine is designed to be specifically more economical even than the best piston engine, to have a fuel consumption comparable with a diesel.

In its broad sweep, the plan to which this country set itself after the war is succeeding, despite all setbacks, more surely than most people would have dared to hope only a few years ago. The continued growth of the world's air traffic—far beyond the most sanguine expectations of less than a decade ago—make the price to be paid for bigger now than ever. The growing importance of strategic air mobility and the need for reserve of productive capacity, self-supporting through commerce, make it all the more necessary that the Great Britain should profit to the full in the construction and sale of the new types of aircraft which she has pioneered.

If ever it could be said that we have reached the end of the beginning of a major national venture, opening up a field of progress to which there is no obvious limit, it can be said now, at the end of 1954.

If several thousand Bristol workers can help it, there will be no need for British Overseas Airways Corporation to buy American airliners in 1959 or 1959.

By that time the Bristol Aeroplane Company, with one of the biggest payrolls in the West Country, hope to have flying what they think will be

the world's best long-range aircraft, the Britannia, that is, the form of the Britannia that are now being built. These first Britannias, the Mark 100's, are expected to begin passenger-carrying work on BOAC routes by early 1956.

So when the later one is ready for service, it should be backed by their two years' experience.

And all Bristol hopes that by then BOAC will have found the Britannia such a good aeroplane that they will no longer be interested in an American product.

The Britannia is being developed in stages. After the Mark 100 comes the Mark 300, which is over 10ft. longer, then the Mark 300 Long Range. Finally, there is to be the 300 L.R. with its four Proteus "turboprop" engines replaced by new BE-25 super-charged "turboprops". This, it is hoped, will be flying in 1958.

BOAC have ordered 15 Mark 100's (92 seaters), 10 Mark 300's, and eight Long Range 300's with an option on two more. These bigger aircraft will carry 101 passengers.

With two aircraft being used for flight tests, there are eight Mark 100's getting well on towards their flying careers.

Miss Freydisa Leaf, the girl pilot who won this year's British air racing championship, is to be a guest at a dinner at the Royal Aero Club on January 28.

Co-guest will be Harold Wood, the 52-year-old test pilot who won the King's Cup race. Most of Britain's best known racing pilots will be there to see Miss Leaf and Mr Wood handed their trophies.

A new, luxuriously-fitted airliner which has just been bought by an American petroleum company for flights by its executives, has a built-in TV set. The individual armchairs can swivel round to face the screen.

The new Director of Operational Requirements at the Air Ministry is Air Commodore H.J. Kirkpatrick, a wartime bomber pilot, bomber airfield Staff Officer at No. 3 Group, Bomber Command.

He flew with the Oxford University Air Squadron in 1929, and after leaving Oxford, joined the RAF in 1933.

Twenty-nine-year-old Flight Lieutenant J. Allan, an RAF pilot for 11 years, has joined the Handley-Page concern as a test pilot.

He was formerly a test pilot of heavy aircraft at the Government Aircraft and Armaments Experimental Establishment, Boscombe Down.

TRADE and COMMERCE SECTION

IKE'S LETTER TO DODGE

Appointment Of Special Assistant On Economic Policies

Washington, Dec. 13. The text of President Eisenhower's letter to Mr Joseph M. Dodge appointing him special assistant on foreign economic policies:

It is my desire that we proceed as rapidly as possible to bring about improvements in the organisation of foreign economic policy, including its relation to domestic economic policy where it is involved. I have discussed the objects of this programme with the Cabinet, my advisory committee on government organisation, the director of the Bureau of the Budget, and with you.

I am most pleased that you have agreed to continue to serve the Government and to organise on my behalf this very important undertaking. Effective immediately I am designating you as special assistant to the President to assist and advise me in accomplishing an orderly development of foreign economic policies and programmes and to assure the effective co-ordination of foreign economic matters of concern to the several departments and agencies of the executive branch.

More particularly, in respect to foreign economic matters, I shall look to you to provide for the anticipation of problems and issues, secure advance preparation, and analyse information for

purpose of clarifying and defining issues, and determining the primary responsibilities of the executive agencies for the preparation of original documents and for any other steps necessary to produce a co-ordinated and agreed upon governmental position.

CO-ORDINATION

There are now numerous standing and ad hoc interdepartmental co-ordinating mechanisms, as well as a complex of overseas departmental operations, each dealing with a limited aspect of our foreign economic policy. I expect that the arrangements established by this letter, with the co-operation and assistance of the director of the Bureau of the Budget and his staff and with the benefit of other studies in this field of activity now underway, will lead to a substantial simplification of the present structure.

You are authorised to establish and to serve as the chairman of a council on foreign economic policy through which executive agencies can participate effectively in this undertaking. The Secretaries of State, Treasury, Commerce, Agriculture and the Director of the Foreign Operation Administration, or their principal deputies, should comprise the initial basic membership of the Council. All of them are regular members of the Cabinet and three of them are regular

members of the national Security Council.

In addition, ex officio members will be my administrative assistant for economic affairs, my special assistant for national security affairs, and a member of my council of economic advisers. The heads of other departments and agencies should be invited by the Chairman to participate in meetings of the Council when matters of direct concern to them are under consideration.

STAFF

You may provide yourself with such staff as is necessary to assist you in connection with these duties. In addition, I anticipate that from time to time provision will need to be made for a limited number of special task forces for the review or special foreign economic matters that are so extensive or complicated as to make it advisable to organise them as special projects.

Because the formulation of foreign economic policy in many instances is an integral part of the formulation of national security policy or of international financial policy, I want you, as quickly as possible, to establish appropriate working relations with the national Security Council and the National Advisory Council on International Financial and Monetary Problems, respectively, to the end that in those instances referred to the desired integration will be effected by your attendance at such meetings of those organisations as you may consider necessary, as well as attendance by a representative of those organisations at meetings of the Council on foreign economic policy, when appropriate.—United Press.

World Cotton Markets

New York, Dec. 13. Cotton futures prices drifted lower in moderate dealings.

At the close, prices ruled 8 to 11 points lower. New Orleans futures closed unchanged to 8 points lower.

Domestic and foreign price fixing at the opening offset weekend hedging and prices ruled 2 points higher and 3 points lower.

In the afternoon, small hedging pressed on the market, filling some scale-down trade limits.

Some small switching from nearby December to later months was reported. Trading in nearby December expired at noon on Wednesday.

There were only two December transferable notices issued at New York. Trading volumes and opening interests in the Exchanges today were:

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Jan	4,200	975,100
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World Rubber Markets

Singapore, Dec. 13. The market opened higher and remained steady. There was some trade support and some acceptance by Australian sellers reserved. Future closings were:

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New York Sugar Market

New York, Dec. 13. World No. 4 sugar futures closed today unchanged to one point lower with sales of 14 contracts.

Domestic No. 6 sugar futures closed unchanged to one point lower with sales of 231 contracts.

Trade buying and scattered liquidation and hedging brought some activity into domestic futures market.

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Steel Rebate Reduced

Dusseldorf, Dec. 13. West German steel producers have reduced to 25 marks from 50 per ton the rebate granted on ship plates to domestic shipyards for export shipbuilding, according to industry sources here. The reduction applied to all orders received after November 19, the sources said.

Steel producers report sharply increased demand for ship plates. Their thick plate production capacity, which is estimated at about 100,000 tons monthly is being fully taken up, while the amount of new orders for the second half of next year and the first half of 1956 indicates a further increase in demand.—Reuter.

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET

New York, Dec. 13. A group of special stocks provided the features today in an irregular, moderate active market.

While turnover totalled a respectable 2,750,000 shares, it was the lightest since Nov. 3 when the post-election rally got under way. Many leaders softened near the close bringing averages down. The market generally was narrowly mixed.

A few stocks in each of the major groups moved a point or more either way.

Industrials as a group closed 29 cents lower. Itals were up 58 cents, thanks largely to a single wide gain—a rise of 8 1/4 points.

Market commentators said activity was about in line with expectations, with traders devoting their attention largely to special situations.

Among the issues responding to individual news developments today was West Virginia Coal which ran up 2 1/4 points to \$23 1/4 on announcement that it is selling some of its coal properties.

On the other hand, Swift and Co. fell 1 1/4 to \$47 1/4 on a lower earnings announcement. American Telephone stock fell a point to \$174 1/4, as more than \$100,000 of the Company's 3 1/4 per cent convertible debentures of 1956 changed hands in bond trading.

There were some strong spots in the steels and some oils did well—América up 5 to \$21 1/2, Pacific Western, 1, back at \$44, and Texas Gulf Producing, up 3/4 to \$91. Others, however, were off sharply.

The automotive group showed firmness.

The New York Stock Exchange bond volume was \$15,760,000.

The American Stock Exchange volume was 1,140,000 shares.

DOW-JONES AVERAGES
Dow-Jones closing averages on Wall Street today were as follows:
30 Industrials 359.79
20 rails 126.46
15 utilities 41.70
65 stocks 144.03
40 bonds 101.22
Commi future price index 169.54
—United Press.

New York Foreign Exchange

Canada \$1.03-5/16
England-official 2/8-1/16
England-unofficial 2/8-2/3
30-day futures 2/9-1/2
21-day futures 2/9-1/2
South Africa 2/7-1/2
Belgium 2/6-1/2
Holland 2/6-1/2
Uruguay 2/6-1/2
Pakistan 2/6-1/2
India 2/6-1/2
Others were unchanged.—United Press.

Exchange Rates

Business was done in the local unlisted exchange market this morning at the following rates:
U.S. dollar (per \$1) 4.50
Sterling note (per £1) 2/10
Indonesian rupiah (per 100) 16.00
Siamese baht (per 100) 21.20
Singapore (Straits) 1.51
Indo-China piastre (per 100) 9.47

W. Germany Converts Asia Trade Into Profit

Bonn, Dec. 13. West Germany has converted a 5,000,000,000 Deutschmarks (US\$1,190,000,000) trade deficit with East and Southeast Asia into a small favourable surplus in 1954, the Bonn Government's official bulletin disclosed this week.

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Man Fined \$50 For Careless Driving

A private car chauffeur, convicted of careless driving by Mr. Thomas Tam at Central this morning, protested repeatedly that he was really "innocent".

The Crown alleged that about 12:10 p.m. on October 5 this year, defendant, Chan Shing, of 191 Johnston Road, ground floor, was driving a private car No. 9777 at the junction of Hennessy and Luard Roads where he knocked down and seriously injured an elderly woman pedestrian.

Evidence was given by the injured woman, an eye-witness of the accident, whose right arm was still in bandages this morning.

Sub-inspector C. D. Mayker, Prosecutor, revealed that Chan had one previous conviction of speeding and another of driving without due care and attention.

After finding Chan guilty, the Magistrate fined him \$50 or 14 days and ordered his driving licence be endorsed. Chan was further ordered to pay \$100 compensation to the injured woman.

Settlement Agreed

An action for possession of a Kowloon premises which was to have been heard before Mr. Justice J. R. Gregg, Paines Judge, in the Supreme Court this morning was settled on agreed terms. The terms were later announced in Court.

Plaintiff was Chan Shing, married woman, of 2 Austin Avenue, second floor, and the defendant was Chan Shing, married woman, of 2 Austin Avenue, first floor.

Mr. Patrick Yu, instructed by Mr. F. X. D'Almeida, of Messrs D'Almeida and Musson, appeared for plaintiff, and Mr. A. J. Clifford, instructed by Mr. P. J. Griffiths, of Messrs Wilkinson and Grist, represented the defendant.

Plaintiff claimed she let the premises to defendant on December 1, 1949, on a monthly tenancy at a rental of \$700, and terminated the tenancy by notice to quit given on April 30, 1953. Defendant was still in occupation and plaintiff claimed mesne profits from June 1, 1953, until possession was delivered up and costs.

Announcing the settlement, Mr. Yu said the following terms had been agreed between the parties:

(1) An order by consent for possession to be given by defendant to plaintiff on March 31, 1955; (2) plaintiff to waive all claims for arrears of rent and/or mesne profits up to and including December 1954; (3) defendant to pay mesne profits of \$700 per month for January, February and March, 1955, such payment not to constitute a tenancy; (4) defendant undertakes to give notice to quit through her solicitors to all occupiers and sub-tenants by the end of March, 1955; (5) each party to pay their own costs; (6) defendant undertakes to use her best efforts, if required, to assist the plaintiff to obtain vacant possession after March 31, 1955.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Smokers

Sir,—I notice that some passengers board crowded vehicles in Hongkong with lighted cigarettes dangling on their lips. This is a source of danger to other passengers.

There have been several incidents where, on a sudden jerk of the vehicle, people have been burnt in the neck by a person standing behind with a lighted cigarette on his lips.

The utility companies would be doing the public a great justice if they would simply tell their conductors to request those passengers smoking cigarettes to put them out when boarding a crowded vehicle.

MALCOLM KAYE

BAILEY'S CHARGES AT COURT ON BILLS OF LADING

The trial of Albert Francis Bailey, 33, merchant, charged with three counts of libel, was resumed before Mr. Justice J. Reynolds at the Criminal Sessions this morning, with the accused continuing his evidence.

Bailey is alleged to have maliciously published defamatory libels in the form of letters to Messrs P. H. Sin, Y. H. Chan and S. K. Yee.

Mr. Arthur Hooton, Q.C., Solicitor-General, and Mr. D. N. E. Ren, Crown Counsel, are prosecuting, assisted by Det. Insp. R. Dudeney.

Bailey is conducting his own defence.

The trial had been adjourned yesterday morning on Mr. Hooton's application in order that 10 photostatic copies of over 500 documents could be sorted out so that the members of the Jury could have complete sets of the documents before them.

PHOTOSTATIC COPIES

In the witness box this morning, Bailey referred to various photostatic copies of documents. Turning in particular to a bill of lading covering an ocean voyage, he said there were two lots of cargoes involved in that document. One lot related to 50 tons and the other related to 40 tons.

The first lot arrived in Hongkong, but the second never arrived, continued the accused.

In order to obtain judgment by fraud in the actions relating to these cargoes, the United Chinese Bank concealed from the Court the fact that the cargo which did arrive came on an entirely different document.

This other bill of lading, Bailey stated, was absolutely valueless, but they were made to appear valid to the Court by suppression of the real one. It was as absurd as saying that he had taken bus and then producing a tram ticket to back up that statement, he added.

NOT OCEAN-GOING

His Lordship asked Bailey if he was saying that the bill of lading did not relate to the cargo of 50 tons and 40 tons. Accused replied that the bill of lading did not cover an ocean voyage. He said his argument was that in order to obtain judgment by fraud the United Chinese Bank represented the document to be an ocean-going bill of lading when in fact they were not.

Bailey said the Court never knew copies of the delivery order of the cargoes were in the hands of the Bank because they were not produced in Court.

When the accused went on to refer to correspondence between himself and Jensen and Co., Mr. Hooton rose and asked the Court if the matters contained in the correspondence were relevant.

The accused said he was calling people to give evidence on these matters in due course.

Continuing, Bailey referred to a letter dated September 7, 1951, from him sent to Jensen and Co. in which he asked the firm about bills of lading concerning the s.s. Hoogkerk. Jensen and Co. wrote him asking if he had forwarded the bills to the United Chinese Bank.

CONTACTED JENSEN

Accused said he immediately contacted Jensen and Co. once more and referred them to his

M.C.C. Hits Out At Melbourne

Melbourne, Dec. 14.

The M.C.C. were 161 runs ahead, with seven wickets in hand, when the luncheon adjournment was taken on the last day's play of their match against Victoria today.

The scoreboard then was: M.C.C. 312 and 126 for three, Victoria 277.

Despite a crumbling wicket, the M.C.C. tourists went for the bowling from the start and scored at the rate of a run a minute.

Fireworks started with the very first over of the day, when Hutton (12 not out overnight) and Bailey (two not out) took ten runs off the first three balls from Carr. But the fifth ball—one that never rose—shattered Bailey's wicket.

HUTTON GOES

Bailey's contribution was 9 (1/28).

Hutton was next to go, when he was caught behind by Maddox off Loxton for 25 (52 for two).

Peter May and Cowdrey then began a bright stand which has so far produced 74 runs, with May at 46 and his partner 19.

May drew frequent applause with crisp strokes to the boundary and never appeared troubled by the frequent changes in bowling.—Reuter.

ALTERATIONS TO BE MADE TO THE ROYAL YACHT

Portsmouth, Dec. 13.

Queen Elizabeth's £2,100,000-yacht Britannia, which brought Parliamentary controversy over its cost, is undergoing modifications here, it was learned today.

The changes are aimed particularly at eliminating "singing" in a propeller, which set up a reverberation in the vessel.

An Admiralty spokesman said the "singing" was only evident at low speeds and the work was being done during the Britannia's first refit.

He said there was "not the slightest foundation" for press reports that experts were trying to reduce the "roll" on the ship to meet the degree of comfort required for a Royal yacht.

"She does not roll badly at all and, in fact, she is very stable from that point of view," he said.

The Britannia, launched by Queen Elizabeth in April 1953, is due to leave dock here on Wednesday after her eight weeks refit.

FURTHER TRIALS

The ship will undergo further sea trials before being used by Princess Margaret during her tour of the British Caribbean islands beginning on January 31.

Commenting on reports that "finishing touches" were now being put on the Britannia, the Admiralty spokesman said: "Alterations and additions" were always made during a refit.

He could not give details of any additions currently being made.

Buckingham Palace announced last week that the Britannia will join in combined fleet exercises with the Duke of Edinburgh on board in the Mediterranean next March.

£200,000 SPENT

The Parliamentary "watchdog" committee on public accounts revealed recently that the Government spent nearly £200,000 extra to get the yacht ready in time to bring Queen Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh home from Tobruk in May after their Commonwealth tour.

But they said there was "no justification" for allegations of "wasteful expenditure" in the Britannia's construction.

The ship is built so that it can be converted to a hospital ship in wartime at a cost of between £150,000 and £200,000.—Reuter.

Japanese Deportee Arrives

Yoshi Ishijima, who was ordered to leave Singapore by the immigration authorities there because of his connection with the Japanese intelligence service in Singapore in the last war, arrived here this morning aboard the cargo ship Seiko Maru.

Ishijima refused to see reporters on arrival and said that he could not speak.

It is understood that he will be allowed to go ashore during the ship's stay here. The Seiko Maru will sail for Japan tomorrow afternoon.

It was alleged that Ishijima was a wartime Japanese intelligence officer in Singapore and that he entered Singapore under an assumed name last year. He was a representative of a Tokyo electrical appliances firm until his presence there was made known.

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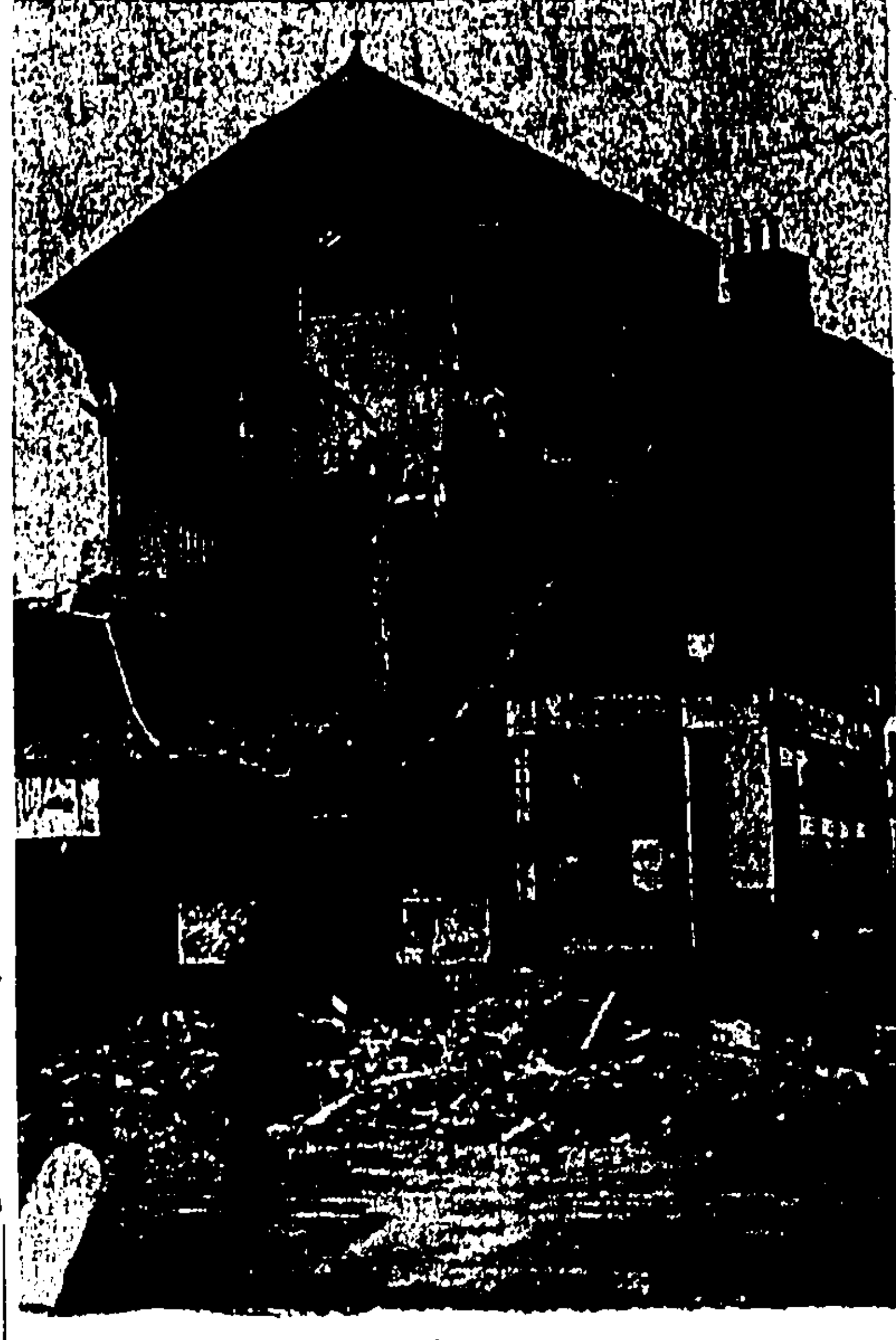
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By Surface
Macao, 6 p.m.
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Thailand, 8 a.m.
Indo-China, 8 a.m.
Formosa, Japan, Korea, Canada, 2 p.m.
Thailand, Malaya, Indonesia, Australia, New Zealand, Ceylon, Mauritius, 9 p.m.
Switzerland, Denmark, Norway, & Sweden, 6 p.m.
Japan, 6 p.m.
By Surface
China, People's Republic, 6:30 a.m.
Burma, India, noon.
Philippines, 5 p.m.
Siam, 5 p.m.
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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16

By Air
Thailand, Burma, India, Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain, & Europe, 6 a.m.
Japan, 11 a.m.

Tornado Hits London



The wall of this house in London was taken clean off by a freak tornado which hit the West London Suburbs, leaving a trail of damage, injuries and terror. It tore the roof off a Railway Station, sucked roofs off houses and blew out doors and windows. A boathouse, boats, cars and trees in its path were sucked up and thrown yards away. The last damaging tornado in Britain was June, 1934, and the worst was in 1703, when 8,000 people are believed to have been killed in Southern England by collapsing buildings and flying debris.—London Express photo.

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VIETNAM TROOPS CLASH WITH WORLORD'S ARMY

Saigon, Dec. 13.

Vietnam troops clashed with a fierce "dissident" 2,000-man army and killed 57 and wounded six in an amphibious operation in the swampy West Cochinchina, it was announced today.

The Army announced it sent nine battalions with Marine support against "dissident" members of the Hoa Hao sect who have been in virtual control of the West Cochinchina since the end of the Indo-China war.

The Army said that the force was launched last week and now

Irish Fireman Gets Month's Gaol

An Irish fireman on board HMT New Australia, who pleaded that he made a mistake about its sailing time, was sentenced to one month's imprisonment by Mr. C. Cairns at the Marine Court this morning.

The defendant, Joseph Lerner, 41, was also ordered to be confined in the house of detention after having served the gaol term until arrangements for his repatriation could be made.

Lerner was charged with having wilfully or negligently remained in the Colony after the departure of the vessel. He pleaded guilty of missing the ship by mistake.

The Prosecution told the court this morning that the New Australia left port at 12 noon on December 7, Lerner reported to the ship's local agent, MacKinnon Mackenzie and Company and the Marine Police yesterday. He lived in the Y.M.C.A. all the time from the time the ship sailed up to his surrender to the authorities.

Compensation For C.P.A. Airliner

London, Dec. 13.

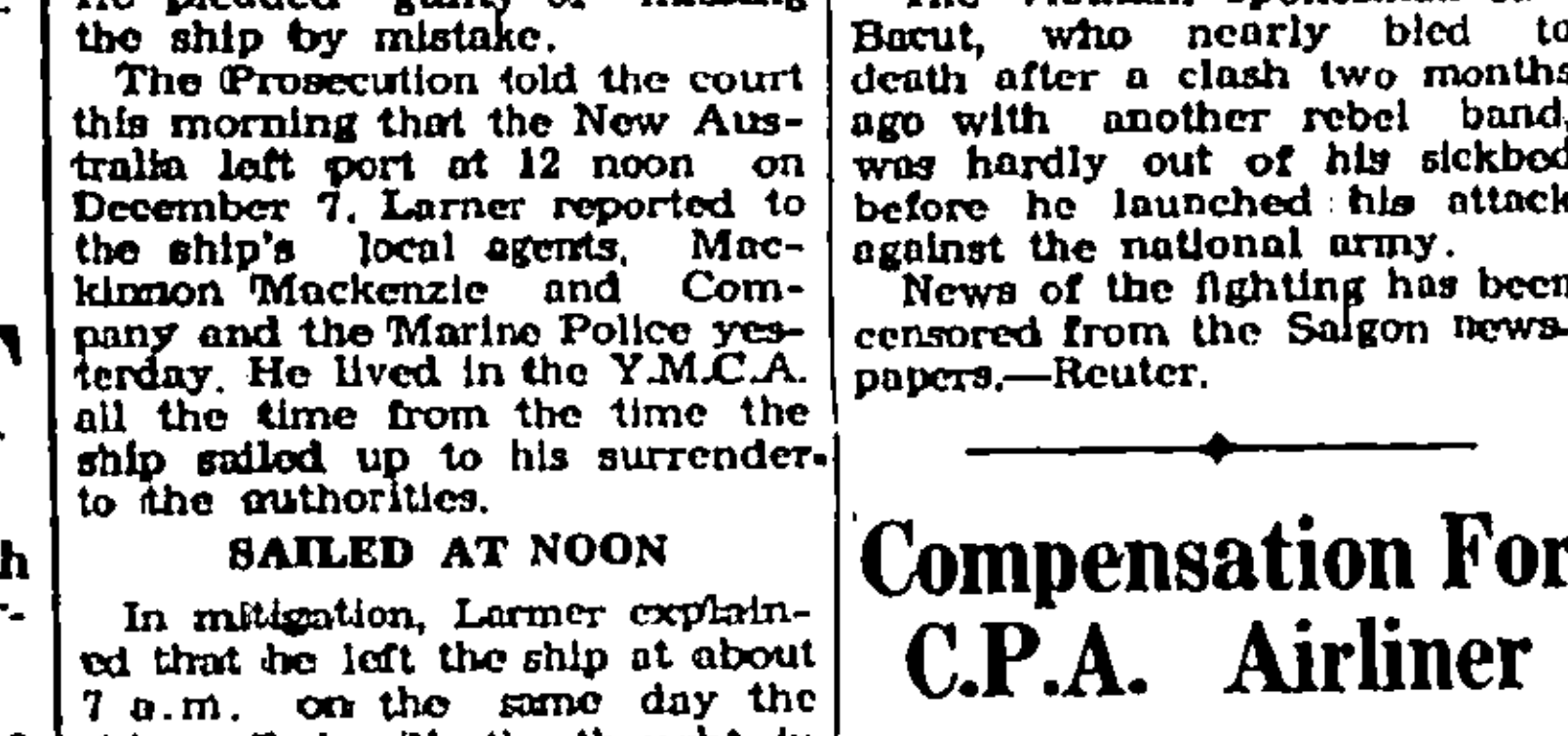
Mr. Robert Turton, Foreign Under-Secretary, said today the Chinese payment of £287,000 compensation for shooting down a British-owned airliner off Hainan Island in July covered loss of the aircraft and the consequential expenses incurred by the Cathay Pacific Airways Company: Loss of freight and baggage; Loss of life and compensation to survivors for injury and distress.

The cheque had been handed to the British Charge d'Affaires at Peking but had not been received in London.

Mr. Turton said the compensation covered all those involved, including foreign nationals.

Ten persons lost their lives in the air attack on July 23.—Reuter.

Side Glances By Galbraith



Competition Closing Date Changed

The Hongkong Council of Social Service has changed the closing date of its novel-writing competition from December 10, to January 31.

It is open to all girls and boys from 14 to 18 years of age.

A prize of \$1,000 is to be awarded for "an historical or modern story with a strong sense of Chinese tradition, suggesting a moral outlook so as to enable the reader to meet life's problems".

Additional prizes may also be awarded if the essays' quality should be outstanding.

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Welcome Pocket Money For HK Refugees

Last month the China Mail printed an exclusive story on 51 refugees being taken on a steamer for the filming of "Soldier of Fortune".

They have been on the job in batches of six and eight for five days of shooting up to date.

To the refugees who have come into the Colony penniless, the \$15 they are now getting for a day's shooting is "heaven-sent" pocket money.

No 7 Signal Goes Up.... For U.S. Film Makers

With nightfall today typhoon signal No. 7 will be hoisted at Blackhead Point! No, this is not a weather story and the Observatory has not let you down.

NO TYPHOON

There is no typhoon in Hongkong but "Soldier of Fortune" requires one and the weather people have kindly obliged.

Filming of shots outside the Peninsula Hotel was held up this morning owing to the sun's reluctance to be helpful. Hal Hesterman, Assistant Director, accented your reporter with "please, could you coax the sun out for a few minutes?"

MOVIE EQUIPMENT

The Peninsula Hotel, austere and dignified, was surrounded with movie equipment and curious people all morning. Yards of wire, huge arc-lamps, cameras and the "peeping Tom" van were arraigned all about it to the consternation of the Police who had to keep an eye on it all.

During the day shots of Mr. Gable, Mr. Remick and Miss Logan, Susan Hayward's "entering and leaving the hotel will be filmed."

IN EGYPT DEATH SENTENCES COMMUTED

Cairo, Dec. 13.

The Egyptian Revolution Command Council today commuted to life imprisonment with hard labour the death sentences passed on five members of the Moslem Brotherhood yesterday by the People's Tribunal.

The Council also confirmed sentences passed on other members of the Brotherhood at the trial.

In addition to the five death sentences four were sentenced to hard labour for life, five to 15 years' hard labour and 17 to ten years' hard labour.

A People's Tribunal found the accused guilty of complicity in a plot to overthrow the existing regime and participating in terrorist activities of the Brotherhood's secret organisation.

Ten others were acquitted.

Six Moslem Brotherhood leaders were hanged last Tuesday for plotting to overthrow the revolutionary regime.

Hasan al-Hodabey, Supreme Guide of the movement, was sentenced to death with them but reprieved.—Reuter.

Lady Grantham at Art Exhibition

Lady Grantham spent half an hour this morning viewing the paintings at the British Council "Exhibition of Paintings by the Hongkong Artists' Group, which was opened yesterday.

She was welcomed by Mr. E. A. Innes and Miss J. Tomblin, representatives of the British Council, and shown round the exhibition by Messrs Lulu Chan and Lee Bying, artists exhibiting their work.

Mrs. M. Gladstone Arrives

Mrs. M. Gladstone, wife of Rear-Admiral C. V. Gladstone, Flag Officer, Second-in-Command, Far East Station, arrived here in the mv Changthia this morning from Australia to join her husband.

Mrs. Gladstone, a New Zealander, had been visiting her relatives in New Zealand for the past seven months.